

Appendix D – Public and Agency Correspondence

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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: anjala.puvananathan@ceaa-acee.gc.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:39:49 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter CEAA.pdf](#)

Hello Anjala Puvananathan,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Bruce Hopper
Environmental Planner
Environmental Services
Hydro One Networks Inc.
416-779-0257
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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: Anjala.puvananathan@ceaa-acee.gc.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments
Date: June 11, 2018 3:01:56 PM
Attachments: [CEAA - ToR open for Comments - June 2018.pdf](#)
[Draft of LSL ToR 11jun2018.pdf](#)

Dear Anjala Puvananathan,

Please find attached a letter and draft Terms of Reference in relation to Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#); Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; [Wallace, Craig](#)
Subject: Fwd: Lake Superior Link Project - Project Distribution List - Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Date: August 3, 2018 2:22:45 AM

From: "Clavering, Robert (CEAA/ACEE)" <robert.clavering@canada.ca>

Date: July 31, 2018 at 8:56:32 PM GMT+3

To: "'Bruce.Hopper@hydroone.com'" <Bruce.Hopper@hydroone.com>

Subject: Lake Superior Link Project - Project Distribution List - Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

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Hello Bruce,

As a follow up to our July 5th 2018 telephone call regarding the Hydro One Networks Inc. Lake Superior Link Project distribution list, I can confirm that you do not need to include the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on your distribution list.

Given the ongoing review of the federal environmental assessment process, if your project does not proceed immediately, please review your project against any future federal legislation and pursuant regulations to confirm application to your project.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Regards,

Robert Clavering

Project Manager, Ontario

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency / Government of Canada

Robert.Clavering@ceaa-acee.gc.ca/ Tel: 416-312-1864

Gestionnaire de projets, Ontario

Agence canadienne d'évaluation environnementale / Gouvernement du Canada

Robert.Clavering@ceaa-acee.gc.ca/ Tel: 416-312-1864

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Canadian National Railway

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: stefan.linder@cn.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:39:25 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter CN Rail.pdf](#)

Hello Stefan Linder,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

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From: Medved, Luka
To: ["stefan.linder@cn.ca"](mailto:stefan.linder@cn.ca)
Cc: [Wallace, Craig](mailto:Wallace.Craig); ["Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com); ["Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com)
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:47:00 PM
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Dear Mr. Linder:

Hydro One Networks Inc. is in the process of finalizing a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake Superior Link project. Once complete Hydro One will submit the proposed ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act.

An electronic copy of the Proposed ToR will be provided to CN Rail via email to this email address.

If there are needs for any paper copies, or if the above mailing address is inaccurate please notify myself or Adam Haulena at Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents.

The ToR is the first step in the EA process and outlines the work plan Hydro One will follow to address the requirements under the Environmental Assessment Act. If approved by the MECP, the ToR will provide the framework for the second step of the process, the preparation of the EA. Important elements of the EA will be to evaluate the alternative routes, assess potential effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

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From: [Stefan Linder](#)
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:47:31 PM

Please note that Stefan Linder no longer works for CN. For all Regulatory matters please contact Tom Brown at tom.brown@cn.ca or 780-643-7753.

From: [Tom Brown](#)
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: Re: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 23, 2018 7:59:25 AM
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Yes please

Tom

On Aug 23, 2018, at 7:58 AM, Medved, Luka <Luka.Medved@snclavalin.com> wrote:

Hello Tom,

Thank you for the reply. Normand will be sent a copy of the Proposed ToR once available.

In the future, should all other correspondence related to the project be sent to Normand as well?

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From: Tom Brown [<mailto:Tom.Brown@cn.ca>]
Sent: August 23, 2018 6:56 AM
To: Medved, Luka
Cc: Normand Pellerin; Mitch Beekman
Subject: RE: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project

Please send to Normand Pellerin, Assistant Vice President Sustainability.

T. Brown

From: Medved, Luka [<mailto:Luka.Medved@snclavalin.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:50 PM
To: Tom Brown <Tom.Brown@cn.ca>
Cc: Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com;
Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: caroline.ducros@canada.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:39:31 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter CNSC.pdf](#)

Hello Caroline Ducros,

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From: Medved, Luka
To: ["caroline.ducros@canada.ca"](mailto:caroline.ducros@canada.ca)
Cc: [Wallace, Craig](mailto:Wallace.Craig); ["Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com); ["Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com)
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:45:00 PM
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City of Thunder Bay

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: jhannam@thunderbay.ca
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[Thunder Bay - NoC - May 28th.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Hannam:

As you are aware, earlier this year Hydro One filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board to construct the Lake Superior Link, a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and our Wawa TS. We have now initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. The attached newspaper ad, which will be running this week and next week in local newspapers, contains more information. I have also attached a flyer which will be delivered to residents in the project area over the coming days.

Similar to the information drop-ins we held along our proposed route in March, we will be hosting a series of Community Information Centres in your area in mid-June. The public session in Thunder Bay will be at the Valhalla Inn on Monday, June 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. We would like to invite Mayor Hobbs, members of Council, you and interested staff to attend a preview from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You are all more than welcome to stay for the public session as well.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate the attached to Mayor Hobbs, members of Council and interested staff?

Thank you!

Yours truly,



Steven Mantifel

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: jhannam@thunderbay.ca
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 11:52:37 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Thunder Bay - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Hannam:

Hydro One recently sent you a Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Lake Superior Link transmission line Environmental Assessment (EA). The project is for a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and Wawa TS. The draft ToR document is open for review and public comment from June 11, 2018 to July 10, 2018. Please see the attached document with more information.

Thank you!

Yours truly,



Steven Mantifel

Manager, Special Projects

Corporate Affairs

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: kpower@thunderbay.ca
Cc: jhannam@thunderbay.ca
Subject: FW: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 4:25:41 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR municipal notification City of Thunder Bay.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Power,
Can I ask that you kindly circulate this in Mr. Hannam's absence?
Thank you!
Steven

From: COMMUNITY Relations
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 3:56 PM
To: jhannam@thunderbay.ca; ngale@thunderbay.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update

Good afternoon Mr. Hannam and Mr. Gale:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that Mr. Hannam kindly circulate this to Mayor Hobbs and members of Council?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: jhannam@thunderbay.ca
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 2:58:07 PM

Dear Mr. Hannam

Hydro One Networks Inc. is in the process of finalizing a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake Superior Link project. Once complete Hydro One will submit the proposed ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act.

An electronic copy of the Proposed ToR will be provided to the city via email to this email address. In addition Hydro One will distribute one paper copy to be made available for public review at the municipal office located at: 500 Donald Street East, P.O. Box 800 Thunder Bay ON P7C 5K4, office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If there are needs for additional paper copies, or if the above contact information is inaccurate please notify us by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents. We can be reached via email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or telephone: 1-877-345-6799.

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Conservation Ontario

From: lrich@conservationontario.ca
To: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 1:54:38 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi Bruce,

Thank you for this information. Please contact the local Conservation Authority (Lakehead Region CA) with information about this project.

Phone: (807) 344-5857

Fax: (807) 345-9156

Email: info@lakeheadca.com

LRCA Administrative Office

130 Conservation Road; PO Box 10427

Thunder Bay ON P7B 6T8

Kind regards,

Leslie Rich, MES, RPP
Policy and Planning Liaison
Conservation Ontario
120 Bayview Parkway
Newmarket, Ontario
905-895-0716 ext 226
Cell 705-716-6174

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com [mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com]

Sent: Monday, May 28, 2018 10:33 AM

To: Leslie Rich

Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

Hello Leslie Rich,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

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Department of Fisheries and Oceans

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments
Date: June 12, 2018 3:16:36 PM

From: FPP.CA / PPP.CA (DFO/MPO) [<mailto:fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 9:56 AM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments

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Dear Mr. Hopper:

Thank you for the notification of Lake Superior Link Project. Fisheries and Oceans Canada reviews projects (works, undertakings, or activities) being conducted in or near waterbodies that support fish that are part of, or that support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery. We also review project proposals for impacts to Species at Risk. We do not review notifications for administrative processes. Please visit our Projects Near Water website at www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html to determine whether your project requires a review by the Department using our self-assessment process. If you determine that your project needs a review, please complete and submit a Request for Review Form to: FisheriesProtection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. If you have any questions, contact us at: 1-855-852-8320.

Thank you,

Jessica Epp-Martindale

Fisheries Protection Biologist

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has changed the way new project proposals (referrals), reports of potential *Fisheries Act* violations (occurrences) and information requests are managed in Central and Arctic Region (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories). Please be advised that general information regarding the management of impacts to fish and fish habitat and self-assessment tools (e.g. Measures to Avoid Harm) that enable you to determine *Fisheries Act* requirements are available at DFO's "Projects Near Water" website at www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html. For all occurrence reports, or project proposals where you have determined, following self-assessment, that you cannot avoid impacts to fish and fish habitat, please submit to fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. For general inquiries, call 1-855-852-8320.

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com>]

Sent: June-11-18 3:00 PM

To: FPP.CA / PPP.CA (DFO/MPO)

Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments

Dear Department of Fisheries and Oceans,

Please find attached a letter and draft Terms of Reference in relation to Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Bruce Hopper

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Date: May 29, 2018 7:54:37 AM

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Sent: May-28-18 10:39 AM
To: FPP.CA / PPP.CA (DFO/MPO)
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To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Cc: [Fell, Denise \(EC\)](#); [Wallace, Craig](#); Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 23, 2018 10:20:53 AM
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Hello Luka,

This is to confirm that ECCC only needs to receive an electronic version of the proposed ToR. It can be sent to myself and copied to Denise Fell.

Thank you,

Rob Dobos

Manager, Environmental Assessment Section –Ontario, Environmental Protection Branch
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Gestionnaire de Section de programme d'évaluation environnementale de l'Ontario /
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From: Medved, Luka [mailto:Luka.Medved@snclavalin.com]
Sent: August 22, 2018 3:52 PM
To: Dobos, Rob (EC)
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From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
To: denise.fell@canada.ca
Subject: Lake Superior Link revised draft Terms of Reference
Date: August 8, 2018 11:05:02 AM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Notification ECCC.pdf](#)
[20180807 Lake Superior Link Draft RoC for the Proposed ToR - ECCC Comment and Responses Table.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Please see the attached notification for the release of the revised draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link and responses to comments received during the draft review period. If you have comments or would like to discuss please feel free to reach out to Bruce at 1-416-779-0257 or Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com, or Adam Haulena at 1-416-345-6596 or Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com.

Thank you,

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Planner, Environmental Programs and Approvals
Hydro One Networks Inc.
T - 1-416-345-6596, C – 1-416-201-1108
adam.haulena@hydroone.com

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: July 12, 2018 1:47:51 PM

From: Fell, Denise (EC) [mailto:denise.fell@canada.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 10:04 AM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: Dobos, Rob (EC); Carpenter, Lesley (EC); Drake, Christine (PC); Dorland, Aaron (AADNC/AANDC); Wright, Adam (MOECC) (Adam.Wright@ontario.ca); Irvine, Courtney (PC)
Subject:

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Dear Mr. Hopper,

Thank you for providing Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) with an opportunity to provide comments on the June 2018 draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for Hydro One's Lake Superior Link transmission line Environmental Assessment (EA). ECCC is providing these comments in the context of our mandate and responsibility for migratory birds wherever they occur, and for terrestrial species at risk found on federal lands.

In Section 6. Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area (page 51 of the draft ToR), it is explained that Hydro One will use the information from the East-West Tie EA where there is an overlap of study area. This section goes on to advise that Hydro One has performed a gap analysis to identify where there is a need to verify or collect data to complete the existing environmental description, and field studies are underway to fill in the identified gaps. To complement the gap analysis and work being undertaken as a result, ECCC recommends that Hydro One complete the necessary environmental field studies in relation to migratory birds and species at risk that have not been completed by NextBridge, in particular with respect to the First Nation reserve lands (specifically Pays Plat and Michipicoten First Nations) being crossed by the project. We further suggest that the environmental assessment requirements committed to in Table 1 – EA and ToR Requirements (page 18 of the draft ToR), that include providing a detailed description of the environment to be affected by the project, identification and assessment of any effects to the environment, and addressing any effects through prevention, change or mitigation, be conducted and documented for those portions of the project that cross First Nation reserve lands. We also note that in Appendix 2 – List of Preliminary Criteria and Indicators, it is important to include engagement of the First Nation communities as a data source where appropriate.

On page 21 of the ToR, in Section 2.5 - *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, it is mentioned that the Project may require federal approvals or authorizations where the transmission route crosses federal lands. Please be advised that a permit may be required from ECCC under the *Species at Risk Act* for the works occurring the First Nation reserve lands. It is further stated on page 21 that the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) does not apply to the project, as it is not

considered a designated project. However, further down it is acknowledged CEEA 2012 does apply as Parks Canada will require “completion of either a Basic or Detailed Impact Assessment under Section 67 of the CEA Act” ECCC advises that Section 67 of CEEA 2012 would also apply should the project require ECCC to issue a SARA permit, and will also be required by Indigenous Services Canada to support their authorization for the use of First Nation reserve lands.

It is also stated in Section 7 – Effects Evaluation and Mitigation, on page 62, that “the EA will recommend pre- and post-operational monitoring programs designed to verify effects prediction, the effectiveness of mitigation measures and the need for any remedial measures, should they be necessary”. ECCC wishes to stress the importance that these monitoring programs, once developed, focus on the individual species as well as the surrounding landscape.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Denise Fell

Environmental Assessment Officer, Environmental Protection Branch – Ontario Region
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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com>]

Sent: June 11, 2018 2:58 PM

To: Dobos, Rob (EC)

Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments

Dear Mr. Dobos,

Please find attached a letter and draft Terms of Reference in relation to Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: rob.dobos@canada.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:38:46 AM
Attachments: [LSL_NoC_Agency Letter ECCC.pdf](#)

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Health Canada

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To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: June 3, 2018 6:23:27 PM

From: Craigs2, Jeremy (HC/SC) [<mailto:jeremy.craigs2@canada.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 2:44 PM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: Boudreau3, Julie (HC/SC); Lee, Dae Young (HC/SC); Ma, Kitty (HC/SC)
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

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Bruce;

Thank you for your email requesting Health Canada's participation in the Lake Superior Link Project.

Health Canada's role in Environmental Assessment (EA) is founded in statutory obligations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, which provides the legal basis for the federal EA process. Health Canada is a federal department with knowledge and expertise that can be called upon by responsible authorities, review panels, Indigenous groups and/or other jurisdictions leading EAs to determine whether there are potential health risks associated with proposed projects and how to prevent, reduce or mitigate them. Upon receipt of a request from one of the above noted groups, Health Canada may participate in this EA process.

Thank you for your interest in Health Canada's expertise as it relates to EA. Should you have any questions concerning Health Canada's response or if you have specific questions related to human health or Health Canada guidance documents please contact the undersigned.

Thank you,
Jeremy Craigs
Regional Environmental Assessment Specialist, Regulatory Operations & Regions Branch
Health Canada / Government of Canada
jeremy.craigs2@canada.ca / Tel: 416 954 5021

From: HOPPER Bruce
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2018 10:33 AM
To: 'aurelia.thevenot@canada.ca'
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

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To: kitty.ma@canada.ca
Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:47:47 AM
Attachments: [LSL_NoC_Agency Letter HC.pdf](#)

H Kitty,

As per Aurelia's out of office reply please see below. Thank you

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Hurkett Local Services Board

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: rostenlund@hotmail.com
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:56:37 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Hurkett LSB.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Stenlund:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate these to members of the Local Services Board?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: rostenlund@hotmail.com
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project
Date: June 29, 2018 12:24:23 PM
Attachments: [Lake Superior Link project update_Hurkett LSB.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Stenlund:

Please see attached a letter which contains information about Hydro One's proposed Lake Superior Link project, a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) near Thunder Bay and our Wawa TS near Wawa.

We'd ask that you kindly circulate this to Board members.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Yours truly,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Project
Hydro One Community Relations
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Independent Electricity System Operator

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To: ["RegulatoryAffairs@ieso.ca"](mailto:RegulatoryAffairs@ieso.ca)
Cc: [Wallace, Craig](mailto:Wallace.Craig); ["Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com); ["Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com)
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Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter IESO.pdf](#)

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Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (now Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada)

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Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments
Date: June 11, 2018 2:54:57 PM
Attachments: [INAC - ToR open for Comments - June 2018.pdf](#)
[Draft of LSL ToR 11jun2018.pdf](#)

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Lake Superior Link - IO Due Diligence Requirements
Date: July 16, 2018 7:32:42 AM
Attachments: [Consulting with Directly Affected Parties - Example Letter.docx](#)
[Consulting with Directly Affected Parties - Template Letter.docx](#)
[MEMO - Consulting with Directly Affected Parties.pdf](#)
[C&D Report Template - July 2017.doc](#)
[Indigenous Consultation Log Template.xlsx](#)

From: Ostrowka, Cory (IO) [mailto:Cory.Ostrowka@infrastructureontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 4:10 PM
To: BROS Kevin; STAITE Patricia; HOPPER Bruce; HAULENA Adam
Cc: Zhang, Han (IO); Eichenberger, Nicholle (IO)
Subject: Lake Superior Link - IO Due Diligence Requirements

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Good afternoon Hydro One team,

Below is a list of environmental due diligence requirements that IO/MOI must fulfill, in order to meet its legislative obligations, prior to granting the easements needed for the **Lake Superior Link - Hydro One Transmission Line**. As you, the proponent, are requesting the application, you are responsible to ensure that all of these obligations are undertaken. These studies need to be completed according to the applicable standards identified below.

There are three key elements that need to be completed in order to satisfy environmental due diligence requirements:

- 1) Completion of the MOI Class EA, which includes Stakeholder consultation, completion of the Class EA (C and D record) and posting on IO's website for 30 days
- 2) A Stage I and, if required, Stage II archaeological assessment. Please note that if Stage III work is required, IO is to first be contacted before undertaking any work.
- 3) A Phase One ESA in accordance with O. Reg. 153.04 (as amended).

Items 2 and 3 will also be used to complete the Class EA (item 1). Please note that we would like to reiterate that additional studies may be required in support of the proposed application; however, this is unknown until after consultation with the required stakeholders.

We will also need a site map that clearly shows what MOI lands will be required for specific undertakings (easement, etc). Please label the undertakings on the map with the associated impacted parcels.

Please provide our contact information to the consultant procured to complete the Class EA. We have stringent standards on how and who is to be contacted regarding the EA. Please ensure that they contact us prior to commencing the EA process. Sign off on the Category B cannot be done until the Phase I ESA has met all compliances (assuming only a Phase I ESA is required), the potential Archaeological issues have been addressed, and all consulting required for the Category B EA is

complete. Consultation is only undertaken with directly affected parties and at a minimum typically includes the Municipality, the Region, MNRF, and applicable Conservation Authority.

The attached "Consulting with Directly Affected Parties" documents provide guidance on the consultation letters to be sent out. Please fill out the template letters for the identified stakeholders, and send drafts of these letters to Cory Ostrowka (contact information below) for review prior to sending them to the stakeholders. Further guidance on commencing the EA will be given at that time.

Kaye Boucher (IO archaeologist) wanted me to pass along the attached indigenous consultation log. She indicate that MOI has told her that she can distribute the list of Indigenous Communities that the Duty To Consult will be triggered with to you so that will be forthcoming.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Additional in-depth information on our requirements is included in this email below. You can also download the MOI Public Work Class EA guidance document and view posted EAs for examples at:

<http://www.infrastructureontario.ca/Public-Work-Class-Environmental-Assessment/>

Thank you,

Cory Ostrowka, P. Eng.
Environmental Specialist
Infrastructure Ontario
Realty and Portfolio Planning - Environmental Management

✉ Email: cory.ostrowka@infrastructureontario.ca

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We require electronic versions of these documents:

Category "B" Environmental Assessment:

The proponent is required **to ensure that IO's Consultation and Documentation (C and D) record required for IO's Category B Environmental Assessment** is completed. Once the C and D record is completed, we will post the C and D record on IO's website for 30 days (for public comment). The EA will not be posted on IO's website without our approval. We will provide the C and D record template and related templates and instructions to the required consultant. We will work with the consultant to identify which stakeholders to contact and provide general instruction on how to complete the C and D report. Please ensure that the winning consultant contacts us **PRIOR** to commencing the EA and that they quote the associated project number (as identified in the subject line). The proponent will also be required to pay any and all fees associated with the EA. Please note that we are to review and provide comments on the EA process from start to finish.

Phase I ESA:

The **Phase 1 ESA is obtained by hiring a consultant who is procured and paid for by the proponent.** The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment must be conducted in accordance with Schedule D of the Revised Brownfield Regulation. In addition to a site visit and interviews, the site history and records review shall include all the relevant sources to ensure compliance with Schedule D. Although Part VII, of the amended reg, is focused on risks to soil and groundwater, IO expects the Phase I ESA work will include investigation and comment on designated substances and typical hazardous building materials. This is intended to capture topics such as asbestos, PCB-containing electrical equipment, lead-based paints, mercury containing materials, UFFI, mould, etc. IO requires a report that presents the details of the Phase I investigation and meets the requirements of Table 1 of Schedule D, with additional information intended to capture the building materials mentioned above. With respect to Section 16(3)(c) of Schedule D, the likelihood of contaminants affecting the property must be presented as either high, medium, low or minimal for each potential risk identified. Please note that ***full*** reliance on the report is required to be extended to IO (Her Majesty the Queen) with a minimum liability cap of \$1 million. IO requires written confirmation of this and this **MUST** be integrated into the report. IO will need to review the draft Phase I ESA prior to finalizing the document.

Archaeological Assessment

In addition to the Phase I ESA, an Archaeological Assessment is required to inform the C and D record. The proponent is also required to procure a consultant and pay for the Stage I Archaeological Assessment. If the Stage I Archaeological Assessment identifies that a Stage II is required, then the proponent is also required to procure and pay for this additional report as well, and, if required, any other additional work. Please note that IO is required to be contacted **prior** to commencing a Stage III Archaeological Assessment work.

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: mylinh.duong@ontario.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:35:49 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter MoI.pdf](#)

Hello My Linh Duong,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Bruce Hopper
Environmental Planner
Environmental Services
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Date: May 28, 2018 10:37:33 AM
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August 27, 2018

Ms. Anna Baggio
Director, Conservation Planning
Wildlands League
A chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Suite 380, 401 Richmond St. W.
Toronto, ON M5V 3A8

Dear Ms. Baggio,

Thank you for the letter sent on August 21st regarding Hydro One's proposed Lake Superior Link Project. As you are aware, we are currently undergoing consultation on our revised draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for an individual Environmental Assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. We are also working with Parks Canada to fulfill our obligations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

This process allows for extensive consultation with all interested parties and we are pleased that you have contacted us to participate in this process. As outlined in our ToR, our project scope includes both a route through Pukaskwa National Park utilizing our existing right-of-way, as well as an alternative route bypassing the park.

We look forward to further engaging with Wildlands League. Our Community Relations and Environmental Services staff will be reaching out to you shortly to arrange a meeting at your convenience to discuss how you can provide input into our consultation and studies.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "AS", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andrew Spencer
Vice President, Transmission & Stations
Hydro One Networks Inc.

cc: Steven Mantifel, Special Manager, Community Relations, Hydro One

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August 29, 2018

Ms. Maggie Nattress
President
West Loon Lake Campers' Association
Shuniah, Ontario

Via Email

Dear Maggie,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the West Loon Lake Campers' Association dated August 21, 2018.

We recognize the level of consultation that occurred with community members and we would like to reiterate that our preferred route remains the route that bypasses Loon Lake. We have been asked to study an alternative route during our Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) which is why it has been included in our Terms of Reference document. Throughout the entire lifespan of planning and building electrical infrastructure, including during the EA, Hydro One makes all efforts to demonstrate thorough analysis of all factors along our reference route and reference route alternative sections.

There is currently not an approved EA for the project but we will be using as much publicly available information as possible from previous consultation and studies when we assess the routes. Community input is important to us, and as the project goes through the regulatory process for approvals there will be additional opportunities for you to formally comment on the project. You will be able to provide comments during the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks public review period for our Terms of Reference, and during the Environmental Assessment stage.

Your comments on the addition of a reference route alternative through Loon Lake have been noted in our records. We invite you to attend our Community Information Centre in Dorion on August 30th to discuss your concerns further. We are also planning to host a Community Information Session in the Shuniah/Thunder Bay area in the near future. As these details are finalized we will share with you and the West Loon Lake Campers' Association.

Should you have any further questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Mantifel".

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects
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August 29, 2018

Mr. Will Goodman and Ms. Zoie Yurick
East Loon Lake Campers' Association Inc.
Shuniah Township, Ontario

Via Email

Dear Will and Zoie,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the East Loon Lake Campers' Association dated August 20, 2018.

We recognize the level of consultation that occurred with community members and we would like to reiterate that our preferred route remains the route that bypasses Loon Lake. We have been asked to study an alternative route during our Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) which is why it has been included in our Terms of Reference document. Throughout the entire lifespan of planning and building electrical infrastructure, including during the EA, Hydro One makes all efforts to demonstrate thorough analysis of all factors along our reference route and reference route alternative sections. As the preferred route remains the bypass, at this time we have not undertaken a detailed analysis of construction needs, such as access roads, for the reference route alternative adjacent to Loon Lake.

There is currently not an approved EA for the project but we will be using as much publicly available information as possible from previous consultation and studies when we assess the routes. Community input is important to us, and as the project goes through the regulatory process for approvals there will be additional opportunities for you to formally comment on the project. You will be able to provide comments during the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks public review period for our Terms of Reference, and during the Environmental Assessment stage.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Mantifel".

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects
Hydro One Networks Inc.

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: waynetocheri@shaw.ca
Subject: Alternative Reference Route in the Dorion Area

Hello Mr. Tocheri,

I would like to confirm receipt of your note, it has been documented in our records. We recognize the consultation that the community underwent to determine the bypass route around Loon Lake and Dorion. We have been asked to study an alternative route during our Environmental Assessment which is why it has been included in our revised draft Terms of Reference document. The inclusion of the reference route alternative in the Terms of Reference document allows the study of this alternative to be a part of the work plan for the Environmental Assessment. I would like to reiterate that the bypass route around Loon Lake and Dorion remains our preferred route.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,
Melissa Fast
Hydro One Community Relations
1-877-345-6799

From: WAYNE TOCHERI [<mailto:waynetocheri@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 8:53 AM
To: COMMUNITY Relations
Cc: Ed and Betty Chambers
Subject: Alternative Reference Route in the Dorion Area

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Attention : Melissa Fast, Community Relations, Hydro One Networks Inc.

Thank you for your recent telephone call advising of Hydro One's intention to commence an alternative reference route for the East-West Tie Transmission Line through Dorion Township.

This communication is to advise, on behalf of the Dorion Concerned Citizens Committee (DCCC), that we are deeply disappointed in Hydro One's decision in this regard.

Our Committee was formed several years ago when the East-West Tie Transmission Line was proposed; and, Nextbridge (the organization formed to plan, develop, and manage the Line) indicated the proposed route would likely parallel an existing transmission line as much as possible.

Our citizens group comprises landowners both on and near the original selected parallel route. We met with Nextbridge officials many times over the study period.

It was clear to all interested parties - Nextbridge, affected property owners, Dorion

Council and other landowners in Dorion - that there was absolutely no support for the proposed parallel utility line as it would seriously bisect our community and present further negative consequences.

In a sincere effort to seek a responsible solution, the DCCC met over many months with Dorion property owners and Council members to identify alternative routes which were then presented to Nextbridge for their consideration.

After numerous meetings and correspondence, a clear consensus was achieved which confirmed support for the **"Dorion Loop" - a route behind the Ouimet Canyon.**

This Dorion Loop route, supported by the new affected property owners as well as Dorion Council, and Dorion ratepayers in general, was in due course, fully embraced by Nextbridge as the preferred reference route.

While we understand your intention to examine a parallel route alternative, please be assured that the DCCC does not support a parallel alternative and will pursue all opportunity to oppose it.

Respectfully,

Wayne Tocheri

On Behalf of DCCC

(copy to Ed Chambers, Dorion Council Reeve)

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Lake Superior Link
Date: August 22, 2018 12:06:51 PM
Attachments: [West Loon Letter to Hydro One Lake Superior Link TOR.docx](#)

From: West Loon Lake Campers Association [<mailto:wllcaexec@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 4:56 PM
To: COMMUNITY Relations
Subject: Lake Superior Link

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Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,
Maggie Nattress, President, West Loon Lake Campers Association

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From: Melissa.Fast@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Lake Superior Link and Pukaskwa National Park
Date: August 21, 2018 1:44:26 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image008.png](#)
[Letter to Hydro One CEO re proposal thru Puk NP August 2018.pdf](#)

From: Anna Baggio [<mailto:anna@wildlandsleague.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:54 PM
To: COMMUNITY Relations
Subject: FW: Lake Superior Link and Pukaskwa National Park

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Resending...

From: Anna Baggio
Sent: August 21, 2018 12:36 PM
To: 'paul.dobson@hydroone.com' <paul.dobson@hydroone.com>
Cc: 'communityrelations@hydroone.com' <communityrelations@hydroone.com>; 'regulatory@hydroone.com' <regulatory@hydroone.com>
Subject: Lake Superior Link and Pukaskwa National Park

Dear Mr. Dobson, please see attached letter regarding the preferred route of Hydro One through Pukaskwa National Park.

Thank you,

Anna Baggio
Director, Conservation Planning
Wildlands League
416-971-9453 ext 47
www.wildlandsleague.org



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From: zogo@shaw.ca
To: community.relations@HydroOne.com
Cc: minister_mecp@ontario.ca; wlandry@shuniah.org; dstewart@shuniah.org; dblunt@shuniah.org; dsmith@shuniah.org; rgiardetti@shuniah.org
Subject: letter of opposition to Hydro One proposed route along Loon Lake
Date: August 20, 2018 5:53:44 AM
Attachments: [East Loon opposition to Hydro One Lake Superior Link.docx](#)

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To:
Melissa Fast
Hydro One Community Relations
Re: Reference Route Alternative in the Dorion and Loon Lake Area
(Twinning existing Hydro line along Loon Lake)

Good morning Melissa,

Please find attached a letter from the East Loon Lake Campers' Association.

The purpose of this letter is to comment on the draft Terms of Reference that will be submitted for review to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, specifically on the new reference route alternative in the Loon Lake area that Hydro One now states it must consider.

Thank you,

Zoie Yurick
Secretary
Thunder Bay's East Loon Lake Campers' Association

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link - project update
Date: August 8, 2018 5:01:39 PM

Good afternoon,

As you may recall, Hydro One released a draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment of its Lake Superior Link project for review and comment from June 11 to July 10, 2018. We have now updated this document to include further comments and feedback from government agencies, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders. This revised draft Terms of Reference is available on Hydro One's project website at www.HydroOne.com/LakeSuperiorLink. We will be accepting any further input on this document until Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Further consultation community stakeholders will continue throughout the life of the project.

Should you have any questions or comments, or to provide input on the revised draft Terms of Reference, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Melissa Fast
Hydro One Community Relations
1-877-345-6799

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: admin@noma.on.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 4:17:32 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR notification NOMA.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Oliver:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate these to the NOMA membership?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: ccyr@wawa.cc
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:55:22 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification ADMA.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Cyr:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate these to members of the Algoma District Municipal Association?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: fonom.info@gmail.com
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 4:01:17 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR_notification_FONOM.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Bain:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate this to Ms. Stanley and members of FONOM?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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To: mforster@adsab.on.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:55:33 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Algoma DSAB .pdf](#)

Good afternoon Mr. Forster:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate these to members of the Algoma District Services Administration Board?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: adele.claude@tbaytel.net
Subject: RE: Feedback on Lake Superior Link Project
Date: July 12, 2018 4:09:56 PM

Good afternoon Claude,

Thank you very much for your email and the input from the White Lake Cottages Association. Please see below Hydro One's responses to your questions and inquiries:

From the public Open Houses held the week of June 11th, 2018 it is White Lake Cottages Association understanding that Hydro One's preferred route is within the existing 230 kV corridor through Pukaskwa National Park. Should Hydro One be successful in permitting this route the project will have no impact to our membership. However, should the Reference Alternative Route be required there will be direct impacts to our membership. The maps indicate the alternate route would parallel the existing 115 kV transmission line crossing White Lake.

Hydro One response: We would like to confirm that our preferred route is through Pukaskwa National Park, upgrading our existing infrastructure while maintaining the current corridor width.

At this time, we believe that the alternate route would indeed parallel the existing 115 kV transmission line crossing White Lake.

Access to cottages

White Lake, located approximately 20 Km west of White River and just north of White Lake Provincial Park has been a cottage area since the early 1960s. The north side of the lake has 48 cottage lots, with some cottages on third generation of occupancy. The White Lake Cottages Association represents 58% of the cottage owners on the lake. Many cottage owners access their properties by boat using the public landing just north of Highway 17, west of White Lake Bridge, with some cottage owners maintaining docks adjacent to the Marathon North Shore Boat Club. The public access road to the boat launch turns into a system of logging roads. There is an heavily used off-road vehicle access trail that also allows cottage owners access to their properties.

Hydro One response: Hydro One acknowledges these comments.

We understand the need for the project however this alternate route will have a direct impact on our ability to access our cottages. In the event the alternate route is chosen the cottage owners would be keenly interested in the final route, construction schedule, identification of access roads and any staging areas.

Hydro One response: Hydro One will continue to keep the White Lake Cottages Association updated about route selection.

During the design, construction and maintenance of the line we request you to consider the following:

1. The road system is maintained to the existing standard or if upgraded for access, construction or staging purposes, it is left to the new standard.

Hydro One response: Hydro One and its contractors will work with local property owners

to ensure that road conditions are left at acceptable standards.

2. Consideration on timing of construction to avoid hunting season, as local hunters use the road system.

Hydro One response: Hydro One and its contractors will make best efforts to minimize impacts to hunters by considering hunting seasons.

3. Unfettered year-round access to the trail system to access our cottages.

Hydro One response: Hydro One and its contractors will work with cottagers and land owners to ensure existing accesses to properties remain open.

4. That non-merchantable wood be piled and left available for firewood collection by those interested.

Hydro One response: Merchantable timber will be cleared in accordance with an approved Forest Resource Licence, overlapping agreements or in accordance with landowner agreements. Timber and disposal options are subject to agreements with landowners, Sustainable Forest License (SFL) holders and the appropriate regulatory agency.

5. That all burning of brush be done to MNR standards to minimize possible wildfires as you can appreciate our concern with wildfires.

Hydro One response: Hydro One and its contractors will obtain all necessary approvals and follow all laws and regulations that apply to the burning of brush.

6. During the ongoing maintenance of the line, ground cover plants be used to maintain brush control for 50 meters on either side of the road/trail to mitigate trail users or berry pickers being exposed to herbicides.

Hydro One response: If mechanical work is required during the initial clearing of vegetation, the only herbaceous ground cover which would be considered is a grass mixture. Future forestry maintenance could consist of a variety of techniques. Should the “reference route alternative” be selected as the final route, the local forestry manager will consider suitable methods of vegetation control, considering public safety, system reliability and input from Indigenous communities, individual stakeholders and stakeholder groups obtained through our work pre-planning processes.

7. Locate and design the water crossing structures to cross White Lake narrows as not to impact islands north of the existing transmission line island. The two islands upriver are used seasonally, for camping, by youth and tourists. The proposed steel structure design could result in a climbing accident. Also, there is anecdotal evidence that moose have used the islands as calving locations.

Hydro One response: Hydro One will take this into consideration.

8. The island with the existing transmission line also locates a buried Bell telephone cable connecting cottages to the provincial phone network.

Hydro One response: During the construction phase, Hydro One and its contractors will obtain appropriate locates for buried infrastructure and will adjust work plans as needed.

The White Lake Cottages Association appreciates the opportunity the Open Houses allowed to review the project information and engage Hydro One’s Project Team. We look forward to your response to our concerns and the next round of Open Houses.

Hydro One response: Hydro One appreciates the feedback from the White Lake Cottages

Association and looks forward to continuing to work together through this project. We will notify you of the next round of Community Information Centres, which we currently plan to hold this fall.

If you have any further questions, please let us know.

Yours truly,
Stephanie

Stephanie Hodson

Community Relations | 1-877-345-6799

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From: Adele & Claude [mailto:adele.claude@tbaytel.net]

Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 5:32 PM

To: COMMUNITY Relations

Subject: Feedback on Lake Superior Link Project

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Hello,

Please see the attached letter on behalf of the White Lake Cottages Association in relation to Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project and specifically the alternate route.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the project information.

Sincerely,
Claude Faubert
President,
White Lake Cottage Association

Hydro One Networks Inx.
Community Relations
483 Bay Street
South Tower, 6th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 2P5

Dear Mr. Mantifel

RE: Lake Superior Link Project EA Process Feedback

From the public Open Houses held the week of June 11th, 2018 it is White Lake Cottages Association understanding that Hydro One's preferred route is within the existing 230 kV corridor through Pukaskwa National Park. Should Hydro One be successful in permitting this route the project will have no impact to our membership. However, should the Reference Alternative Route be required there will be direct impacts to our membership. The maps indicate the alternate route would parallel the existing 115 kV transmission line crossing White Lake.

White Lake, located approximately 20 Km west of White River and just north of White Lake Provincial Park has been a cottage area since the early 1960s. The north side of the lake has 48 cottage lots, with some cottages on third generation of occupancy. The White Lake Cottages Association represents 58% of the cottage owners on the lake. Many cottage owners access their properties by boat using the public landing just north of Highway 17, west of White Lake Bridge, with some cottage owners maintaining docks adjacent to the Marathon North Shore Boat Club. The public access road to the boat launch turns into a system of logging roads. There is an heavily used off-road vehicle access trail that also allows cottage owners access to their properties.

We understand the need for the project however this alternate route will have a direct impact on our ability to access our cottages. In the event the alternate route is chosen the cottage owners would be keenly interested in the final route, construction schedule, identification of access roads and any staging areas.

During the design, construction and maintenance of the line we request you to consider the following:

1. The road system is maintained to the existing standard or if upgraded for access, construction or staging purposes, it is left to the new standard.
2. Consideration on timing of construction to avoid hunting season, as local hunters use the road system.
3. Unfettered year-round access to the trail system to access our cottages.

WHITE LAKE COTTAGES ASSOCIATION

4. That non-merchantable wood be piled and left available for firewood collection by those interested.
5. That all burning of brush be done to MNR standards to minimize possible wildfires as you can appreciate our concern with wildfires.
6. During the ongoing maintenance of the line, ground cover plants be used to maintain brush control for 50 meters on either side of the road/trail to mitigate trail users or berry pickers being exposed to herbicides.
7. Locate and design the water crossing structures to cross White Lake narrows as not to impact islands north of the existing transmission line island. The two islands upriver are used seasonally, for camping, by youth and tourists. The proposed steel structure design could result in a climbing accident. Also, there is anecdotal evidence that moose have used the islands as calving locations.
8. The island with the existing transmission line also locates a buried Bell telephone cable connecting cottages to the provincial phone network.

The White Lake Cottages Association appreciates the opportunity the Open Houses allowed to review the project information and engage Hydro One's Project Team. We look forward to your response to our concerns and the next round of Open Houses.

Sincerely,
WHITE LAKE COTTAGES ASSOCIATION

Claude Faubert
President

Cc: Don MacArthur, Vice President
Colleen Chisholm, Secretary

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 12, 2018 9:02:31 AM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)

Dear Resident:

Hydro One recently sent you a Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Lake Superior Link transmission line Environmental Assessment (EA). The project is for a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and Wawa TS. The draft ToR document is open for review and public comment from June 11, 2018 to July 10, 2018. The document can be viewed at www.HydroOne.com/LakeSuperiorLink.

Thank you!

Yours truly,

cid:image003.jpg@01D3F669.D233B780



Steven Mantifel

Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[LSL_Project_Update_May_2018.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for expressing interest in Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project. Powering northern Ontario is an important part of Hydro One's past and future. We have a vision for the North, which is why earlier this year we applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to construct a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and our Wawa TS. Our project, the Lake Superior Link, is the most innovative and cost-effective solution for Ontario electricity customers. Hydro One is committed to delivering safe, reliable and affordable power to homes and businesses in the North.

We have initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed project. Please see the attached notice for further information.

We started conversations with local communities earlier this year and we would like to continue discussions with you about how our proposed project will deliver tangible benefits. We will be hosting a series of Community Information Centres along the proposed route – please stop by to learn more about the EA process, get a project update, and provide your feedback.

Please join us:

Monday, June 11, 2018	Tuesday, June 12, 2018	Wednesday, June 13, 2018	Thursday, June 14, 2018
Thunder Bay 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Valhalla Inn – Viking Room 1 Valhalla Inn Road	Red Rock 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 226 43 Salls Street	Schreiber 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Schreiber Municipal Gym 204 Alberta Street	White River 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. White River Community Centre 6 Winnipeg Street
Nipigon 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 102 5th Street	Dorion 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Dorion Community Centre 175 Dorion Loop Road		
	Terrace Bay 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Terrace Bay Cultural Centre 13 Selkirk Avenue	Marathon 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Marathon Centre Mall 2 Hemlo Drive	Wawa 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 429 51 Broadway Avenue

If you have any questions or comments at any time, please let us know.

Yours truly,



Steven Mantifel

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: mforster@adsab.on.ca
Subject: Hydro One update: Lake Superior Link project
Date: June 29, 2018 12:05:45 PM
Attachments: [Lake Superior Link project update Algoma DSAB.pdf](#)

Good morning Mr. Forster,

Please see attached an update letter about Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project. We would ask that you kindly circulate to Board members.

Yours truly,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Project
Hydro One Community Relations
1-877-345-6799

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: ccyr@wawa.cc
Subject: Hydro One update: Lake Superior Link project
Date: June 29, 2018 12:08:13 PM
Attachments: [Lake Superior Link project update ADMA.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Cyr:

Please see attached an update letter about Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project. We would ask that you kindly circulate to Association members.

Yours truly,

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: halame@adsab.on.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:12:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Algoma - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Alamenciak

Hydro One has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Environmental Assessment under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Lake Superior Link project.

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce the project and provide your organization with details on where you can get more information if you have additional questions. Please see the attached letter.

Yours truly,



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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: office@doriontownship.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:06:56 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Dorion - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Schaaf

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: firechief@marathon.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:07:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Marathon - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Kerster

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To: info@nipigon.net
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:05:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Nipigon - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Keay

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To: redrockfire@shaw.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:05:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Red Rock - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Pitre

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: firechief@schreiber.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:04:51 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Schreiber - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Bourguignon

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: firechief@shuniahfire.com
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:12:06 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Shuniah - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Arthur

Hydro One has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Environmental Assessment under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Lake Superior Link project.

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: wgates@thunderbay.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:11:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Superior North - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Gates

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To: fire@terracebay.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:04:24 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Terrace Bay - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Stark

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: jhay@thunderbay.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:08:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Thunder Bay Fire Rescue- EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Hay

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To: tbps@tbaytel.net
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:07:56 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Thunder Bay Police- EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Hawth

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: ksabourin@wawa.cc
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:11:51 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Wawa - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Sabourin

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: wrfd@whiteriver.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 22, 2018 2:03:52 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[White River - EMS notification - June.pdf](#)

Dear Chief Greenwood

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: Peter.Clibbon@res-group.com
Cc: Stephen.Cookson@res-group.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project: FAO Bruce Hopper
Date: June 19, 2018 2:41:37 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[image002.gif](#)
[image003.gif](#)
[image004.gif](#)
[image005.gif](#)

Good afternoon Mr. Clibbon,

Thank you for your email and for your interest in the project. Please see below answers to your questions:

1. What happened to the NextBridge line? Is this a competing line or a replacement line?

Answer:

The proposals currently before the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) from NextBridge and from Hydro One are referencing the new East- West Tie transmission line.

The OEB's designation to NextBridge in 2013 to undertake development work on the project did not carry with it the right to build the line or the right to be the sole applicant to apply for leave to construct the line.

We've analyzed new ways to approach this undertaking, and developed an innovative solution which will benefit Ontario's electricity customers.

2. What is the purpose for this line? Doubling the existing line for reliability purposes or for enabling additional exchanges between the NW to the SE of the province?

Answer:

The main purpose for the new line from Wawa to Thunder Bay is to increase the east-west power transfer capability to meet the increasing demand in the Northwest. With the existing East-West Tie line the transfer capability is limited to 155-175 megawatts (MW) (summer – winter) while respecting the requirements of the reliability standards. The new line, along with the new station facilities, will increase the transfer capability to 450 MW. In the future when the demand increases in the Northwest, the addition of a new Static Var Compensator (SVC) will further increase the transfer capability to 650 MW.

3. What is the design of the line (rating, phases) you are proposing?

Answer:

The new 230 kV line from Wawa to Thunder Bay, except for approximately 35 km through Pukaskwa National Park, will be a double-circuit line with 1120 Amp summer rating. Through Pukaskwa

National Park, the towers which hold the existing East-West Tie line will be modified to carry the existing and new lines.

4. Is the base routing through the Pukaskwa Park?

Answer:

Hydro One's proposed reference route includes the unique ability to upgrade the existing Hydro One-owned transmission line that runs through Pukaskwa National Park. The upgrade will be done without widening the corridor. This contributes significantly to Hydro One's ability to minimize impacts on the environment and deliver the project at a lower cost.

5. Does the proponent include a First Nation partner?

Answer:

Hydro One will explore and discuss various benefits for Indigenous communities including but not limited to capacity building to participate in the engagement process, procurement and sub-contracting opportunities, job training, employment and equity participation.

If you have any further questions, please let us know.

Yours truly,
Melissa Fast
Hydro One Community Relations
1-877-345-6799

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From: Peter Clibbon [mailto:Peter.Clibbon@res-group.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 4:09 PM
To: COMMUNITY Relations
Cc: Stephen Cookson
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project: FAO Bruce Hopper

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Bruce Hopper, Environmental Planner
Hydro One Networks Inc.
T: 1-877-345-6799 / F: 416-345-6984

E: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com
Website: www.HydroOne.com/LakeSuperiorLink

Dear Mr. Hopper

RES Canada has worked on renewable energy projects in the NW of Ontario over the past decade. We were made aware of the EA launch of the transmission line by HONI and wish you the best.

We have some basic questions that you might answer

1. What happened to the NextBridge line? Is this a competing line or a replacement line?
2. What is the purpose for this line? Doubling the existing line for reliability purposes or for enabling additional exchanges between the NW to the SE of the province?
3. What is the design of the line (rating, phases) you are proposing?
4. Is the base routing through the Pukaskwa Park?
5. Does the proponent include a First Nation partner?

Thank you for these clarifications

Best regards
Peter Clibbon

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Peter Clibbon

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: jkelly@iuoelocal793.org
Subject: RE: Information regarding the Lake Superior Link project
Date: June 13, 2018 10:01:38 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Good morning Mr. Kelly,

Thank you for attending our Community Information Centre in Thunder Bay, and for your interest in our Lake Superior Link project.

You have been added to our stakeholder contact list to receive updates as they become available.

You can also view the most up-to-date information on our project website at

www.HydroOne.com/LakeSuperiorLink.

Thank you!

Stephanie

Stephanie Hodson

Community Relations

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From: John Kelly [mailto:jkelly@iuoelocal793.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 9:58 AM
To: COMMUNITY Relations
Subject: Information regarding the Lake Superior Link project

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Good morning.

I recently attended an information session here in Thunder Bay, and would like to be kept informed with any new information regarding this project as it occurs.

jkelly@iuoelocal793.org

Thank you.

John Kelly
NW Ontario Supervisor
International Union Of Operating Engineers

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: john_mikkelsen@transcanada.com
Subject: RE: Lake Superior Link
Date: June 12, 2018 11:38:23 AM

Good morning John,

Thank you for your interest in our project. We have added you to our project contact list. The most up-to-date information is also available on our project website at www.HydroOne.com/LakeSuperiorLink.

Yours truly,
Stephanie

Stephanie Hodsoil
Community Relations

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From: John Mikkelsen [mailto:john_mikkelsen@transcanada.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 9:14 AM
To: COMMUNITY Relations
Subject: Lake Superior Link

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Can you please add me to your project contact list?

Many thanks,

John Mikkelsen, P.Eng. , M.A.Sc.
Director, Eastern Growth Energy Strategy & Development
TransCanada
Royal Bank Plaza
24th Floor, South Tower,
200 Bay Street, Toronto
Canada
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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: contact-us@tdssab.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:38:30 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter TBSS.pdf](#)

Hello District of Thunder Bay Social Services,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Bruce Hopper
Environmental Planner
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Indigenous Energy Policy

VIA EMAIL

March 2, 2018

Daniel Charbonneau
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Re: East-West Tie Line

Dear Mr. Charbonneau:

Thank you for your letter dated November 7, 2017 requesting clarification from the Ministry of Energy on the Duty to Consult requirements for the East West Tie Line (Lake Superior Link).

Your letter states that the preliminary scope of the project consists of a new 398 kilometer, 230 kilovolt double-circuit transmission line along the northern shore of Lake Superior between Wawa and Thunder Bay. The proposed project would parallel the existing Hydro One tie between Lakehead Transmission Station and the Wawa Transmission Station.

The Ministry of Energy has reviewed the information provided relative to its current understanding of the interests of First Nation and Métis communities in the area and has determined that it may have the potential to affect First Nation and Métis communities who hold or claim Aboriginal or treaty rights protected under Section 35 of Canada's *Constitution Act* 1982.

The Ministry of Energy is delegating the procedural aspects of consultation and the Ministry of Energy expects that Hydro One will undertake the procedural aspects of consultation, consistent with the responsibilities outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Ontario, represented by the Minister of Energy, and Hydro One, in September 2016. Please note that these consultation obligations are in addition to the consultation requirements imposed under the *Environmental Assessment Act* and further

clarified in the 'Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process' Code of Practice as well as the 'Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario' Code of Practice.

Per section 8.1 of the MOU, the MOU and Schedule 'A' may be amended in writing at any time by the agreement of the Parties. The Ministry of Energy proposes an amendment to the MOU to include the following project description:

2. East West Tie Transmission Line (Lake Superior Link)

The East West Tie Transmission Line Project is added to this schedule consistent with the 2013 Long-Term Energy Plan, the Order in Council 326/2016 and the December 2017 Updated Assessment of the Need for the East-West Tie Expansion conducted by the IESO, which confirms the East-West Tie, a new transmission line roughly parallel to the existing transmission line that extends between Wawa and Thunder Bay, as the recommended option for maintaining a reliable and cost-effective supply to Northwest Ontario for the long term.

Per Sections 2.2(c) and 3 of the MOU, the Ministry of Energy also wishes to clarify that for the purposes of the Environmental Assessment under Part II of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change assumes primary responsibility, on behalf of the Crown, for items (c), (d), (e), (g), (h) under Section 3.2 of the MOU.

Based on the Crown's assessment of First Nation and Métis community rights and project impacts, the following Aboriginal communities should be consulted on the basis that they have or may have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely affected by the Project:

Community	Mailing Address
Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishnaabek First Nation (Lake Nipigon Ojibway)	204 Main Street, PO Box 120 Beardmore, ON P0T 1G0
Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Rocky Bay)	General Delivery MacDiarmid, ON P0T 2B0
Biigtigong Nishnaabeg	PO Box 193, 78 Pic River Road Heron Bay, ON P0T 1R0
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sand Point First Nation)	146 S. Court Street Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X6
Fort William First Nation	90 Anemki Place, Suite 200 Fort William First Nation, ON P7J 1L3
Ginoogaming First Nation	PO Box 89, 101 Poplar Crescent Long Lac, ON P0T 2A0
Long Lake #58 First Nation	209 Otter Street, PO Box 609 Long Lac, ON P0T 2A0
Michipicoten First Nation	107 Hiawatha Drive, Box 1, Site 8, RR#1 Wawa, ON P0S 1K0
Missanabie Cree First Nation	174B, Hwy. 17E, Bell's Point Garden River, ON P6A 6Z1
Ojibways of Batchewana	236 Frontenac Street, Rankin Reserve 15D

	Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5K9
Ojibways of Garden River	7 Shingwauk Street Garden River, ON P6A 6Z8
Pays Plat First Nation	10 Central Place Pays Plat, ON P0T 3C0
Pic Mobert First Nation	PO Box 717 Mobert, ON P0M 2J0
Red Rock Indian Band (Lake Helen)	Box #1030 Nipigon, ON P0T 2J0
MNO Greenstone Métis Council*	PO Box 825, 211-401R 4th Ave Geraldton, ON P0T 1M0
Red Sky Métis Independent Nation	406 East Victoria Ave Thunder Bay, ON P7C 1A5
MNO Superior North Shore Métis Council*	26 Princess Street Terrace Bay, ON P0T 2W0
MNO Thunder Bay Métis Council*	226 May Street South Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1B4

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This rights-based consultation list is based on information that is subject to change. First Nation and Métis communities may make new rights assertions at any time, and other developments (e.g. the discovery of Aboriginal archaeological sites) can occur that may require additional First Nation and/or Métis communities to be notified and/or consulted. If you become aware of potential rights impact on communities that are not listed above at any stage of the consultation and approval process, kindly bring this to the attention of the Ministry of Energy with any supporting information regarding the claim. The Ministry of Energy will then assess whether it is necessary to include the community on the rights-based consultation list above.

If you have any questions about this letter or require any additional information, please contact Shannon McCabe at 416-212-6704 or shannon.mccabe@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



Samir Adkar
Director
Energy Networks and Indigenous Policy

C: Elise Cross Director, Environmental Services Hydro One Networks Inc.

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[MOE - ToR open for Comments - June 2018.pdf](#)

Dear Mr.Yordi,

Please find attached a letter and draft Terms of Reference in relation to Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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Hi Bruce,

The MECP has completed its review of the revised draft ToR (August 2018) and Hydro One's responses to comments on the June 2018 draft ToR. The MECP offers the following comments in the attached documents for your consideration (6 PDF attachments).

In addition to revising the ToR document, can you please continue populate Hydro One's responses into the tables provided (i.e. add a column for proponent responses). This allows us to carry the conversation forward on a specific topic until it is resolved.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Cheers,
Antonia

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Hi Bruce,

Attached are my edits and comments on the draft Notice of Submission. Also, I have reviewed your GRT list and offer the following recommendations:

- Please contact the following agencies to see if they have an interest in the EA:
 - Town of Chapeau
 - Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
 - local public and catholic school boards

If there is an interest in participating in the review of the ToR and/or EA, please include them in the GRT list. I have attached the most recent copy of our GRT Master Distribution List for your reference.

- The OPG should be listed as a member of the GRT (not as an interest group)

As discussed at our meeting this past Tuesday, I will be providing you with MECP responses to Hydro One comments on Monday August 27th. However, I will not be able to provide you with the three memorandums (i.e. to Indigenous communities, government agencies, and public record locations) or the Acknowledgement of Receipt form until Tues or Weds of next week.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Cheers,
Antonia

Antonia Testa | Special Project Officer

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From: [Testa, Antonia \(MECP\)](#)
To: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
Cc: [Evers, Andrew \(MECP\)](#); patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; [Wallace, Craig](#); [Toth, Karola](#); [Medved, Luka](#); Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com; Denise.Jamal@HydroOne.com; Steven.Mantifel@HydroOne.com; Melissa.Fast@HydroOne.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -ToR Summary Form et al.
Date: August 21, 2018 7:53:20 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

Thank you! We will review the GRT and get back to you with any comments by the end of this week.

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Sent: August-17-18 4:49 PM

To: Testa, Antonia (MECP)

Cc: [Evers, Andrew \(MECP\)](#); patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Karola.Toth@snclavalin.com; Luka.Medved@snclavalin.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com; Denise.Jamal@HydroOne.com; Steven.Mantifel@HydroOne.com; Melissa.Fast@HydroOne.com

Subject: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -ToR Summary Form et al.

Hi Antonia,

As per the Code of Practice and as per the attached letter dated August 14, 2018 please find attached the following that is required to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) 2 weeks prior to the submission of the Proposed Terms of Reference. The Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project is August 31, 2018.

- ToR Summary Form,
- Executive Summary of the Proposed ToR,
- Study area map,
- Project contact distribution list
- Project contact government review team list,
- List of all publications and media the Proposed ToR will be advertised,

As the MECP has noted, a draft Notice of Submission (NoS) has been previously submitted July 11, 2018. It is Hydro One's understanding that the MECP will provide Hydro One with comments on the NoS the week of Aug 20th, 2018.

We appreciate your cooperation. Feel free to contact me with any questions or if you require anything further.

Thank you,

Bruce Hopper
Environmental Planner
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Date: August 16, 2018 11:48:47 AM
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From: Testa, Antonia (MECP) [<mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 11:46 AM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: HAULENA Adam; Evers, Andrew (MECP)
Subject: RE: LSL - draft Notice of Submission of ToR

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Hi Bruce,

Yes, this item has been fulfilled. I am currently reviewing the notice and will provide comments to you by early next week.

Cheers,
Antonia

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Sent: August-16-18 10:49 AM
To: Testa, Antonia (MECP)
Cc: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
Subject: LSL - draft Notice of Submission of ToR

Hi Antonia,

Another question if I could. In the most recent letter from the MECP it states:



Could you confirm that we can consider this item fulfilled as the 2 week date is tomorrow. We will of course welcome comments from the MECP after tomorrow and we acknowledge that some minor changes will need to be made to the document to reflect current schedule, however, I just want to make sure that MECP is satisfied that Hydro One fulfilled this obligation.

Thank you,

Bruce Hopper
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August 14, 2018

Bruce Hopper
Hydro One Networks Inc.
Community Relations
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Toronto ON M5G 2P5

Dear Mr. Hopper:

We are in receipt of your letter of August 14, 2018, on behalf of Hydro One Networks Incorporated (Hydro One), advising the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) of the proposed submission date of the final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project.

It is our understanding from your letter that Hydro One would like to formally submit the Terms of Reference on August 31, 2018. The ministry is committed to working with Hydro One to facilitate the distribution, formal submission and review of the final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project.

The ministry is currently reviewing the August 3, 2018 revised draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project. As discussed during our July 12, 2018 meeting, the ministry requires 15 business days to review the revised draft Terms of Reference. As such we will ensure comments are provided to Hydro One by August 27, 2018.

The ministry delegates to Hydro One the following responsibilities associated with the distribution of the final Terms of Reference documentation to each government agency, Indigenous community and member of the public that has been engaged as part of the preparation of the Terms of Reference:

- Prior to the formal submission date of the Terms of Reference, Hydro One will make every reasonable effort to contact each Indigenous community that has been engaged during the preparation of the Terms of Reference to determine if a community may have any capacity or resource needs that should be considered in order to facilitate their review of the Terms of Reference documentation during the formal comment and review period;
- Prior to the formal submission date of the Terms of Reference, Hydro One will confirm the appropriate recipient, mailing or electronic mail address and Terms of Reference documentation requirements for each government agency, Indigenous community and

member of the public that has been engaged during the preparation of the Terms of Reference;

- At least two (2) weeks prior to the date on which the Terms of Reference will be formally submitted, Hydro One will submit a draft of the Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference to the undersigned for review;
 - The ministry is currently reviewing a draft of the Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference which was submitted to the ministry by Hydro One on July 11, 2018.
- At least two (2) weeks prior to the date on which the Terms of Reference will be formally submitted, Hydro One will submit the government review team contact list to the undersigned for review;
- At least two (2) weeks prior to the date on which the Terms of Reference will be formally submitted, Hydro One will provide the undersigned a list of all publications and media outlets where the Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference will be advertised. Once the Notice of Submission has appeared in newspapers, please send a hard copy from the newspaper to the undersigned for the ministry's files;
- At least two (2) weeks prior to the date on which the Terms of Reference will be formally submitted, Hydro One will complete and submit to the undersigned a Terms of Reference Summary Form;
- At least two (2) days prior to the date on which the Terms of Reference will be formally submitted, Hydro One will ensure that each government agency, Indigenous community and member of the public that has been engaged during the preparation of the Terms of Reference is provided with a copy of the final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project, Record of Consultation and the Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference; and,
- At least one (2) days prior to the date on which the Terms of Reference will be formally submitted, Hydro One will ensure that a copy of the final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project, Record of Consultation and Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference is placed in each of the public record locations, including the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks' offices, where the Terms of Reference documentation is to be made available for public review.

In order to facilitate the distribution of the Terms of Reference documentation, the ministry will prepare the following documents that are to accompany the distribution of the final Terms of Reference documentation to each government agency, Indigenous community, and public record locations:

- Memorandum to Indigenous communities
- Memorandum to the government agencies;
- Memorandum to public record locations; and
- Acknowledgement of Receipt form.

For members of the public that has been engaged as part of the preparation of the Terms of Reference, please ensure that a cover letter is prepared indicating the purpose of the review, the timeline for commenting etc. Please ensure that each person on the project contact list receives the appropriate memorandum and attachments. Also, please ensure that you have

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some way to track the delivery of the Terms of Reference documentation, in case participants indicate they did not receive a copy.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned, at (416) 325-5500 or by e-mail at antonia.testa@ontario.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonia Testa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Antonia Testa, Special Project Officer
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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August 14, 2018

Ms. Annamaria Cross
Director (A), Environmental Approvals Branch
Ministry of Environmental, Conservation and Parks
1st Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West
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Annamaria.Cross@ontario.ca

RE: Intent of Submitting the Lake Superior Link Proposed Terms of Reference

Dear Ms. Cross:

This letter is to advise you that Hydro One Networks Inc. intends on submitting to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks a Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project by end of day August 31st, 2018.

If you have comments or would like to discuss please feel free to reach out to me at 1-416-779-0257 (Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com) or Patricia Staite at 1-416-345-6686 (Patricia.Staite@HydroOne.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hopper".

Bruce Hopper
Environmental Planner,
Environmental Services

cc: Patricia Staite, Manager Environmental Approvals, Hydro One
Elise Croll, Director, Environmental Services, Hydro One
Antonia Testa, Special Project Officer, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks -Lake Superior Link -Intent of Submitting Proposed ToR
Date: August 16, 2018 10:31:55 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[Response to HONI Ltr of Intent to submit LSL proposed ToR - Aug 14 2018.pdf](#)

From: Testa, Antonia (MECP) [<mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 3:25 PM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: CROLL Elise; STAITE Patricia; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Evers, Andrew (MECP); Cross, Annamaria (MECP)
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks -Lake Superior Link -Intent of Submitting Proposed ToR

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Dear Mr. Hopper,

Please see the attached response letter dated August 14, 2018.

Cheers,
Antonia

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Sent: August-14-18 11:47 AM
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Cc: Testa, Antonia (MECP); Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Evers, Andrew (MECP)
Subject: Hydro One Networks -Lake Superior Link -Intent of Submitting Proposed ToR

Dear Ms. Cross,

Please find attached, for the records of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, a letter stating Hydro One Networks' intent on submitting the proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project by end of day August 31st, 2018.

Please contact Patricia Staite or myself with any questions.

Thank you,

Bruce Hopper
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From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
To: antonia.testa@ontario.ca; annamaria.cross@ontario.ca; Adam.Wright@ontario.ca
Subject: Lake Superior Link revised draft Terms of Reference
Date: August 8, 2018 11:12:44 AM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Notification MECP.pdf](#)
[20180807 Lake Superior Link Draft RoC for the Proposed ToR - MECP Comment and Responses Table.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Please see the attached notification for the release of the revised draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link and responses to comments received during the draft review period. If you have comments or would like to discuss please feel free to reach out to Bruce at 1-416-779-0257 or Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com, or Adam Haulena at 1-416-345-6596 or Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com.

Thank you,

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From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
To: Adam.Wright@ontario.ca
Subject: FW: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission
Date: August 7, 2018 11:07:42 AM

From: Wright, Adam (MECP) [<mailto:Adam.Wright@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 11:03 AM
To: HAULENA Adam
Cc: Testa, Antonia (MECP)
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

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Thanks so much Adam, I appreciate it. If anything else is required for our review I will be sure to let you know.

Cheers,

Adam

From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com [Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com]
Sent: August 7, 2018 11:01 AM
To: Wright, Adam (MECP)
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

Yes, I'll have it sent over shortly. If you'd like a word document of any of the files to facilitate review please let us know.

Adam

-----Original Message-----

From: Wright, Adam (MECP) [<mailto:Adam.Wright@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 10:59 AM
To: HAULENA Adam
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

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Hi Adam,

If possible are you able to send over a word document with Hydro One's responses to MECP's comments? That way I can forward to reviewers to provide subsequent comments if required.

Cheers,

Adam

From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com [Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com]
Sent: August 7, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Wright, Adam (MECP)
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

Hi Adam,

Yes, the Hydro One responses to MECP comments were included in the Record of Consultation. These responses begin on pdf page #28, document page #23 of this document:

20180803_Lake Superior Link Draft RoC for the Proposed ToR.pdf

Let me know if you have further questions or need the file to be sent over.

Thank you,

Adam

-----Original Message-----

From: Wright, Adam (MECP) [<mailto:Adam.Wright@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 10:48 AM
To: HAULENA Adam
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

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Hello Adam,

Thank you for sending the electronic files, to confirm were Hydro One's responses to MECP's comments provided? I did not see this in any of the documents and I believe we were expecting to receive this.

If you could confirm that would be appreciated.

Cheers,

Adam

From: Wright, Adam (MECP)
Sent: August 3, 2018 10:41 AM
To: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
Cc: Testa, Antonia (MECP)
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

Great, thanks!

From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com>]
Sent: August 03 18 10:40 AM
To: Wright, Adam (MECP)
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

Yes, we will send yourself and Antonia a link later today to download the files.

Adam

From: Wright, Adam (MECP) [<mailto:Adam.Wright@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 10:39 AM
To: HAULENA Adam
Cc: STAITE Patricia; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; HOPPER Bruce; Testa, Antonia (MECP); Post, Alexandra (MECP)
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

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Hello Adam,

You can provide it to the folks on the 1st floor with attention to Antonia Testa.

Also, would you be able to send an electronic version of the files to me via email?

Cheers,

Adam

-----Original Message-----

From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com>]
Sent: August 03 18 10:16 AM
To: Wright, Adam (MECP)
Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com; Testa, Antonia (MECP)
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

Thank you Adam,

We will provide 2 hard copies of the document. They will be picked up from the printer at 3pm this afternoon and I will hand deliver them to your office shortly afterward. Who might be able to receive the copies at your office at that time?

Adam

-----Original Message-----

From: Wright, Adam (MECP) [<mailto:Adam.Wright@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 9:39 AM
To: HAULENA Adam
Cc: STAITE Patricia; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; HOPPER Bruce; Testa, Antonia (MECP)
Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

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Hello Adam,

At this time if you could provide 2 copies that would be good understanding that additional hard copies may be requested by reviewers. Once Antonia is back, she will verify if any additional copies are required.

Cheers,

Adam

From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com [Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com]

Sent: August 2, 2018 9:35 AM

To: Wright, Adam (MECP)

Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com; Testa, Antonia (MECP)

Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

Thank you, Adam.

We will provide hard copies and we will be posting the revised draft on our Project website at https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.hydroone.com%2FLakeSuperiorLink&data=02%7C01%7CAdam.Wright%40ontario.ca%7Caf637b4d6f2f4072a9008d5f87c126%7Cddc1229ac2a4b97b78a0e5ca65865%7C0%7C1%7C636688137053817451&data=eyJygl_gx%3BbcKR6d%2B4bG6H0202uavsa5XGidicEE%3D&reserved=0
. How many hard copies of the revised document package would you like?

Adam

-----Original Message-----

From: Wright, Adam (MECP) [<mailto:Adam.Wright@ontario.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 9:27 AM

To: HAULENA Adam

Cc: STAITE Patricia; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; HOPPER Bruce; Testa, Antonia (MECP)

Subject: RE: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

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Hello Adam,

The correct acronym is MECP, and MECP does require hard copies for review, in the case we need electronic files can I assume these will be posted on the project website?

If you have any other questions please let me know.

Cheers,

Adam

From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com [Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com]

Sent: August 2, 2018 9:11 AM

To: Wright, Adam (MECP)

Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com

Subject: FW: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

Good morning Adam,

I see Antonia is on vacation until August 14th. Could you please provide a response to the question below? Also, for clarity, is MECP or MOECP the correct acronym to be used going forward?

Thank you,

Adam Haulena

Planner, Environmental Programs and Approvals

Hydro One Networks Inc.

T - 1-416-345-6596, C - 1-416-201-1108

adam.haulena@hydroone.com - <mailto:adam.haulena@hydroone.com>

From: HAULENA Adam

Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 9:07 AM

To: Testa, Antonia (MECP)

Cc: STAITE Patricia; Wallace, Craig; HOPPER Bruce

Subject: LSL Revised Draft ToR submission

Hello Antonia,

Hydro One intends on submitting the Revised Draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link Project tomorrow, August 3rd. The document package has grown significantly with the addition of the appendices and other supporting documents. In light of conservation and logistics, does MECP require a hard copy of the document package or would electronic submission be acceptable? Hydro One will provide a hard copy to any party that requests one.

Thank you,

Adam Haulena

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To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Revised Draft Terms of Reference - Lake Superior Link
Date: August 7, 2018 10:43:33 AM

From: Wright, Adam (MECP) [<mailto:Adam.Wright@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 2:54 PM
To: HAULENA Adam; Testa, Antonia (MECP)
Cc: STAITE Patricia; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; HOPPER Bruce; CROLL Elise
Subject: RE: Revised Draft Terms of Reference - Lake Superior Link

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Hello Adam,

I have received the electronic files (all 3 emails) for the revised Draft ToR for the LSL project.

Regards,

Adam

Adam Wright, M.Sc., RPP

Special Project Officer, PCU
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From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com>]
Sent: August-03-18 2:44 PM
To: Wright, Adam (MECP); Testa, Antonia (MECP)
Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com; Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com
Subject: Revised Draft Terms of Reference - Lake Superior Link

Pursuant to the letter from Hydro One addressed to Annamaria Cross on July 17, 2018, please accept this email as formal notification of the submission of the Revised Draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project for MECP review. MECP will be receiving two printed hard copies of the document to be delivered to the MECP office this afternoon. The requested electronic files will also be provided upon submission of this notification.

If you have comments or would like to discuss please feel free to reach out to me at 416-345-6596 or at Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com

Thank you,

Adam Haulena

Planner, Environmental Programs and Approvals

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From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project - MECP Draft ToR Comments
Date: July 27, 2018 8:03:45 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[MECP Memo - Comments on the Hydro One LSL draft ToR - 26July2018.pdf](#)
[CSPB - Indigenous Consultation Advisor - 26July2018.pdf](#)
[EAPB - Special Project Officer - 26July2018.pdf](#)
[EAPB - Wastewater and Noise - 26July2018.pdf](#)
[Northern Region - Air Quality - 26July2018.pdf](#)
[Northern Region - EA Coordinator - 16July2018.pdf](#)
[Northern Region - Groundwater - 26July2018.pdf](#)
[Northern Region - Surface Water - 18July2018.pdf](#)
[Thunder Bay DO - Senior Environmental Officer - 26July2018.pdf](#)

From: Testa, Antonia (MECP) [mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 3:29 PM
To: HAULENA Adam; STAITE Patricia
Cc: Evers, Andrew (MECP); HOPPER Bruce
Subject: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project - MECP Draft ToR Comments

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Hi Adam and Patricia,

In Bruce's absence, I am forwarding you the MECP comments on the June 2018 draft ToR for the Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project. Please refer to the attached MECP memorandum and the corresponding 8 PDF attachments.

In addition to revising the draft ToR document, can you please populate Hydro One's responses into the tables provided (i.e. add a column for proponent responses). For those comments provided to you in memo format, can you please populate the comments/issues raised and Hydro One's responses into a similar table format as those already provided (i.e. comment #, reference to ToR document, comment/issue, proposed action/solution, proponent response etc.).

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Cheers,
Antonia

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July 26, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Bruce Hopper
Environmental Planner
Environmental Services
Hydro One Networks Inc.

FROM: Mrs. Antonia Testa
Special Project Officer
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

RE: Drafts Terms of Reference for Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Transmission
Project Environmental Assessment

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has completed its review of the draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project Environmental Assessment. The review was carried out to determine whether the document meets the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act and the expectations set out in the ministry's Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario (Code of Practice). In addition, the review also assessed the clarity and detail of the draft Terms of Reference documentation in order to ensure that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will be able to fully understand all the information in the document when making a decision about the Terms of Reference.

As such, the MECP offers the following comments in the attached documents for your consideration. As per Hydro One's July 17, 2018 letter to MECP, it is the ministry's expectation that a revised draft Terms of Reference will be submitted for the ministry's review.

It is also advised that consideration be given to circulating the revised draft Terms of Reference and/or notifying government agencies and Indigenous communities that the original draft document has been substantially revised. Government agencies and Indigenous communities should also be provided with an opportunity to review and provide comments on the changes that have been made.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 416-325-5500 or by e-mail at antonia.testa@ontario.ca. If you feel a meeting would be beneficial, I can schedule a teleconference between MECP staff and Hydro One to discuss the ministry's comments on the draft Terms of Reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonia Testa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Antonia Testa

Attachements – 8 PDF documents

From: [Wallace, Craig](mailto:Wallace.Craig)
To: [Medved, Luka](mailto:Medved.Luka)
Subject: FW: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project - Draft ToR comments
Date: July 26, 2018 8:11:22 AM

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From: Testa, Antonia (MECP) [<mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca>]
Sent: July 26, 2018 7:32 AM
To: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Evers, Andrew (MECP); Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Wallace, Craig; Steven.Mantifel@HydroOne.com; Christine.goulais@HydroOne.com; Denise.Jamal@HydroOne.com; Brown, Peter (MECP); Post, Alexandra (MECP)
Subject: RE: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project - Draft ToR comments

Hi Adam,

Yes you will be receiving MECP comments by end of day today. I will send to you and Patty Staite in Bruce's absence.

Cheers,
Antonia

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Sent: July-25-18 4:38 PM
To: Testa, Antonia (MECP); Evers, Andrew (MECP); Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Steven.Mantifel@HydroOne.com; Christine.goulais@HydroOne.com; Denise.Jamal@HydroOne.com; Brown, Peter (MECP); Post, Alexandra (MECP)
Subject: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project - Draft ToR comments

Hi Antonia,

I hope all is well. Is MECP still intending to provide comments to Hydro One on July 26th for the Lake Superior Link Draft Terms of Reference?

If so, in Bruce's absence please send the documents to myself and Patty Staite and we can disseminate them as required.

Thank you.

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adam.haulena@hydroone.com

From: [Wallace, Craig](#)
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Draft meeting minutes Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project - ToR Submission
Date: July 26, 2018 8:12:20 AM
Attachments: [Draft Meeting Minutes-Lake Superior Link 12-07-2018 HONI MECP - MECP edits July 20 2018.docx](#)

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From: Testa, Antonia (MECP) [<mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca>]
Sent: July 20, 2018 1:57 PM
To: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Evers, Andrew (MECP); Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Wallace, Craig; Steven.Mantifel@HydroOne.com; Christine.goulais@HydroOne.com; Denise.Jamal@HydroOne.com; Brown, Peter (MECP); Post, Alexandra (MECP)
Subject: RE: Draft meeting minutes Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project - ToR Submission

Hello Adam,

Attached are MECP edits/comments on the draft meeting minutes from our meetings July 12, 2018.

Cheers,
Antonia

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From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com [Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com]
Sent: July 17, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Testa, Antonia (MOECC); Evers, Andrew (MOECC); Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Steven.Mantifel@HydroOne.com; Christine.goulais@HydroOne.com; Denise.Jamal@HydroOne.com; Brown, Peter (MOECC); alex.pose@ontario.ca
Subject: Draft meeting minutes Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project - ToR Submission

See attached draft meeting minutes from our meeting July 12, 2018. Please have revisions to me by EOD Friday and I will finalize the minutes then.

Thank you,

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Patricia Staite
Manager, Environmental Services

July 19, 2018

Ms. Annamaria Cross
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Re: Intent of Submitting the Lake Superior Link Revised and Proposed Terms of Reference

Dear Ms. Cross,

I am writing to respond to your letter dated July 17, 2018 to Bruce Hopper, Environmental Planner, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and to advise you of Hydro One's path forward on the submission of the final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project. Hydro One would like to retract the initial letter of intent to submit the Lake Superior Link Proposed Terms of Reference sent to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Ministry) on July 10, 2018. Based on discussion at a meeting with the Ministry on July 12, 2018 and the letter sent from the Ministry on July 17, 2018, Hydro One no longer intends to submit the final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project to the Ministry on August 3, 2018. Hydro One intends to submit to the Ministry a Revised Draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project by end of day August 3, 2018. Following the review period of 15 days as suggested by the Ministry for the Revised Draft, Hydro One intends to submit to the Ministry the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project by end of day August 31, 2018.

If you have comments or would like to discuss please feel free to reach out to me at 416-345-6686 or Patricia.Staite@HydroOne.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Staite". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Staite
Manager
Environmental Services

cc: Elise Croll, Director, Environmental Services, Hydro One
Antonia Testa, Special Project Officer, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Bruce Hopper, Environmental Planner, Hydro One

From: Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks -Lake Superior Link -Intent of Submitting Proposed ToR
Date: July 20, 2018 9:14:44 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[Letter of Intent to MECP in Submitting LSL Revised Draft and Proposed Tor1.pdf](#)

From: STAITE Patricia
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 5:45 PM
To: Cross, Annamaria (MOECC)
Cc: Evers, Andrew (MOECC); CROLL Elise; HAULENA Adam; HOPPER Bruce; Testa, Antonia (MOECC)
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks -Lake Superior Link -Intent of Submitting Proposed ToR

Annamaria

Please find the attached letter as per your request to advise you of Hydro One's path forward on the submission of the final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please let me know.

Patty

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Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 3:12 PM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: Evers, Andrew (MOECC); STAITE Patricia; CROLL Elise; HAULENA Adam; Cross, Annamaria (MOECC)

Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks -Lake Superior Link -Intent of Submitting Proposed ToR

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Hello Bruce,

On behalf of Annamaria Cross, please see the attached letter dated July 17, 2018.

Cheers,
Antonia

Antonia Testa | Special Project Officer

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com>]

Sent: July-10-18 5:15 PM

To: Cross, Annamaria (MOECC)

Cc: Evers, Andrew (MOECC); Testa, Antonia (MOECC); patricia.staite@HydroOne.com;
Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com

Subject: Hydro One Networks -Lake Superior Link -Intent of Submitting Proposed ToR

Dear Ms. Cross,

Please find attached, for the records of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, a letter stating Hydro One Networks' intent on submitting the proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project by end of day August 3, 2018.

Please contact me or Patricia Staite with any questions.

Thank you,

Bruce Hopper

Environmental Planner

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From: [Wallace, Craig](#)
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -Draft Notice of Submission
Date: July 18, 2018 7:52:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[Response to HONI Ltr of Intent to submit LSL proposed ToR - July 17 2018.pdf](#)

From: Testa, Antonia (MOECC) [mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca]
Sent: July 17, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
Cc: Evers, Andrew (MOECC); patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Wallace, Craig; Steven.Mantifel@HydroOne.com; Christine.goulais@HydroOne.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -Draft Notice of Submission

Hello Bruce,

On behalf of Annamaria Cross, please see the attached letter dated July 17, 2018.

Cheers,
Antonia

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Subject: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -Draft Notice of Submission

Hi Antonia,

In advance of our meeting tomorrow, I thought we would provide you with the attached copy of the draft Notice of Submission for your consideration. Let me know if you have any comments. Thank you,

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July 17, 2018

Bruce Hopper
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Community Relations
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Dear Mr. Hopper:

We are in receipt of your letter of July 10, 2018, on behalf of Hydro One Networks Incorporated (Hydro One), advising the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) of the proposed submission date of the final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project.

I understand from your letter that Hydro One would like to formally submit the Terms of Reference on August 3, 2018. The ministry is committed to working with Hydro One to facilitate the distribution, formal submission and review of the final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project.

The ministry is currently reviewing the June 11, 2018 draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project and has identified some information gaps.

On July 12, 2018, ministry staff met with Hydro One to discuss the ministry's preliminary review of the draft Terms of Reference. During the meeting, the ministry outlined areas requiring further work and recommended that once Hydro One receives all comments on the draft Terms of Reference from the government review team and Indigenous communities, that Hydro One submit a revised draft Terms of Reference for ministry's review.

It is our understanding that similar requests for a revised draft Terms of Reference have also been made by Indigenous communities. It is advised that consideration be given to circulating the revised draft Terms of Reference and/or notifying government agencies and Indigenous communities that the original draft document has been substantially revised. Government agencies and Indigenous communities should also be provided with an opportunity to review and provide comments on the changes that have been made.

It is in the ministry's experience that ensuring all the comments are adequately addressed on the draft Terms of Reference, minimizes delays once a final Terms of Reference is submitted.

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Based on the ministry's recommendation, please advise the ministry on Hydro One's path forward on the submission of the final Terms of Reference.

Should you have any questions, please contact Antonia Testa of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch at 416-325-5500 or by e-mail at antonia.testa@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Cross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long horizontal stroke.

Annamaria Cross
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: antonia.testa@ontario.ca
Cc: andrew.evers@ontario.ca; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Wallace.Craig@HydroOne.com; Steven.Mantifel@HydroOne.com; Christine.goulais@HydroOne.com
Subject: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -Draft Notice of Submission
Date: July 11, 2018 3:45:59 PM
Attachments: [LSL - Notice of Submission of Proposed ToR Draft 11July2018.docx](#)

Hi Antonia,

In advance of our meeting tomorrow, I thought we would provide you with the attached copy of the draft Notice of Submission for your consideration. Let me know if you have any comments. Thank you,

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To: annamaria.cross@ontario.ca
Cc: andrew.evers@ontario.ca; antonia.testa@ontario.ca; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com
Subject: Hydro One Networks -Lake Superior Link -Intent of Submitting Proposed ToR
Date: July 10, 2018 5:14:50 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Intent to MECP in Submitting LSL Proposed ToR .pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Cross,

Please find attached, for the records of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, a letter stating Hydro One Networks' intent on submitting the proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project by end of day August 3, 2018.

Please contact me or Patricia Staite with any questions.

Thank you,

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July 10, 2018

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RE: Intent of Submitting the Lake Superior Link Proposed Terms of Reference

Dear Ms. Cross:

This letter is to advise you that Hydro One Networks Inc. intends on submitting to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks a Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project by end of day August 3rd, 2018.

If you have comments or would like to discuss please feel free to reach out to me at 1-416-779-0257 (Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com) or Patricia Staite at 1-416-345-6686 (Patricia.Staite@HydroOne.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hopper".

Bruce Hopper
Environmental Planner,
Environmental Services

cc: Patricia Staite, Manager Environmental Approvals, Hydro One
Elise Croll, Director, Environmental Services, Hydro One
Antonia Testa, Special Project Officer, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca
Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; [Wallace.Craig](mailto:Wallace.Craig@HydroOne.com); [Medved.Luka](mailto:Medved.Luka@HydroOne.com); Andrew.Evers@ontario.ca; Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -questions
Date: July 10, 2018 5:14:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

Hi Antonia,

Shortly after sending this email I will be sending one containing a letter to Annamaria Cross stating Hydro One's intent to submit the proposed Terms of Reference on August 3, 2018.

In response to your question below:

"Just for clarification and in consideration my June 26, 2018 email, is it still Hydro One's intention to submit a final Terms of Reference on July 17, 2018?"

Further, in consideration of your letter June 26th, 2018 where it is stated:

"While we [the MECP] will make best efforts to undertake an expedited review to meet your requested deadline of July 10, 2018, we will ensure comments are provided by July 26, 2018."

Additionally, in consideration that Hydro One has not received comments from the MECP as of July 10, 2018, Hydro One has determined it will be necessary to extend the review period of the draft Terms of Reference to July 26th, 2018. However, we would appreciate comments from the MECP as early as possible.

We will be happy to discuss this further when we meet on Thursday.

Thank you,

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From: Testa, Antonia (MOECC) [mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 2:05 PM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: STAITE Patricia; HAULENA Adam; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Luka.Medved@snclavalin.com; Evers, Andrew (MOECC)
Subject: RE: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -questions

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To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Lake Superior Link Project -meeting agenda for July 12, 2018
Date: July 6, 2018 2:57:00 PM
Attachments: [Meeting Agenda -Lake Superior Link 12-07-2018.docx](#)

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From: HOPPER Bruce
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Cc: FAST Melissa; HODSOLL Stephanie; JAMAL Denise (Denise.Jamal@HydroOne.com); HAULENA Adam
Subject: Lake Superior Link Project -meeting agenda for July 12, 2018

Please find attached a meeting agenda for our July 12th meeting. Please let me know if you have anything you would like to add.

Thank you,

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Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Wallace.Craig
Subject: RE: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -request for meeting week of June 9th.
Date: July 5, 2018 8:14:11 AM

Thanks for the prompt reply Antonia. Yes, I will distribute a draft agenda by the end of this week with a list of attendees from Hydro One.

Bruce Hopper
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From: Testa, Antonia (MOECC) [<mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2018 8:57 AM
To: HOPPER Bruce; Evers, Andrew (MOECC)
Cc: STAITE Patricia; HAULENA Adam; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -request for meeting week of June 9th.

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Hi Bruce,

Yes we are available to meet next week at our office. However, are you available to meet the morning of July 12th instead of the afternoon of July 10th? I will send you a meeting invite shortly.

Can you kindly send us the agenda a few days prior to the meeting. You mentioned in your email below that in addition to the ToR submission, there are several other items you wish to discuss with us. Can you please specify what those items are and also who will be in attendance at the meeting next week.

Cheers,
Antonia

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Sent: July 4, 2018 8:04 AM
To: Testa, Antonia (MOECC)
Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -request for meeting week of June 9th.

Hi Antonia,

Would you be available to meet sometime next week? I would like to discuss with you the details regarding the submission of the ToR as well as several other items. I am heading out on vacation July 17 and would also like to just go over things with you before I go. I will send you a meeting invite shortly suggesting a possible date and time. If possible could we hold the meeting at your office on St Clair Ave? Please let me know what works for you. Thank you.

Bruce Hopper
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To: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; [Wallace, Craig](#); [Medved, Luka](#); [Evers, Andrew \(MOECC\)](#)
Subject: RE: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -questions
Date: June 28, 2018 2:05:15 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[RE Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link -Notification of Submission of Proposed Terms of Reference.msg](#)

Hello Bruce,

As per my June 26, 2018 email (see attached), notification of Hydro One's intention to submit a final Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project Transmission Project must be made in writing to the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch (EAPB). Once you have sent the MOECC that notification, you will then receive a letter from the MOECC confirming the date of formal submission of the Terms of Reference.

In addition to the confirmation letter from MOECC, you will then receive instructions on how to proceed with the necessary preparations to facilitate the formal submission of the Terms of Reference. The MOECC is committed to working with Hydro One to facilitate the distribution, formal submission and review of the final Terms of Reference.

For your reference, at least 2 weeks prior to the date on which the Terms of Reference will be formally submitted, Hydro One must:

- submit a draft of the Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference to the undersigned for review and comment; and
- complete and submit to the undersigned a Terms of Reference Summary Form.

The MOECC will then prepare memorandums that are to accompany the distribution of the final Terms of Reference documentation to government agencies, Indigenous communities and each of the public record locations where the documentation is to be made available for inspection.

Just for clarification and in consideration my June 26, 2018 email, is it still Hydro One's intention to submit a final Terms of Reference on July 17, 2018?

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. If you feel a call would be beneficial, I can schedule a teleconference between MOECC staff and Hydro One to discuss the above noted responsibilities, and next steps in the approvals process. In the term, below are responses to your questions are in red text.

Cheers,
Antonia

Antonia Testa | Special Project Officer

Environmental Assessment Services | Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com; Luka.Medved@snclavalin.com
Subject: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -questions

Hi Antonia,

We are currently working on preparing the Notice of Submission and have a few questions for you:

- Could you confirm the name and email address of the current Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch?
Annamaria Cross, Director (A)
annamaria.cross@ontario.ca
- We intend to place copies of the proposed ToR in the municipal offices within the study area. Could you confirm if the MOECC requires us to place copies in local libraries as well?
MOECC recommends placing copies in local libraries.
- Could you confirm that it would be acceptable to make copies of the proposed ToR available for review at both the Thunder Bay and Toronto offices of the MOECC?
Yes this is acceptable.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link -Notification of Submission of Proposed Terms of Reference
Date: June 27, 2018 10:11:01 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

Good Morning Mr. Hopper,

Thank you for your email. I would like to advise you that as part of the submission process, notification for the submission of the final Terms of Reference is to be made in writing to the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch.

I would like to also state the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's expectations with respect to how final stage of consultation on the review of the draft Terms of Reference for Lake Superior Link Transmission Project should be carried out. It is this Ministry's expectation that Hydro One will respond to each of the government agencies and Indigenous communities that have submitted comments on the draft Terms of Reference documentation. This includes the comments submitted by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

It is also this Ministry's expectation that any issues or concerns that may have been identified in the comments submitted on the review of the draft Terms of Reference documentation are appropriately responded to or addressed; and, that Hydro One will follow up with each government agency and Indigenous community, that has submitted comments on the draft Terms of Reference documentation, to determine if they are satisfied with how Hydro One has proposed to respond to or address their respective issues or concerns. The results of this consultation are to be documented in the final Terms of Reference Record of Consultation; and, an overview of the issues and concerns raised during the review of the draft the Terms of Reference and how they have been addressed should be summarized in the final Terms of Reference documentation.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Cheers,
Antonia

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Sent: June-26-18 2:09 PM

To: Testa, Antonia (MOECC)

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Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link -Notification of Submission of Proposed Terms of Reference

Hi Antonia,

As per the Code of Practice, a proponent is to notify the MOECC Project Officer three weeks prior to the submission of a proposed Terms of Reference. Please accept this email as that notification.

Hydro One intends on submitting the proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project by end of day July 17, 2018.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments
Date: June 26, 2018 3:52:51 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
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From: Testa, Antonia (MOECC) [mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 3:27 PM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: STAITE Patricia; CROLL Elise; Evers, Andrew (MOECC); Cross, Annamaria (MOECC)
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments

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Hello Mr. Hopper

Please see the attached letter acknowledging the receipt of the draft Terms of Reference for the Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Cheers,
Antonia

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To: O'Neill, Kathleen (MOECC)
Cc: Testa, Antonia (MOECC); patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com; Evers, Andrew (MOECC); Cross, Annamaria (MOECC)
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments

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Cc: antonia.testa@ontario.ca; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com; andrew.evers@ontario.ca; annamaria.cross@ontario.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments
Date: June 11, 2018 2:53:15 PM
Attachments: [MOECC - ToR open for Comments - June 2018.pdf](#)
[Draft of LSL ToR 11jun2018.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. O'Neill,

Please find attached a letter and draft Terms of Reference in relation to Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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From: Testa, Antonia (MOECC) [mailto:Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 2:35 PM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: Evers, Andrew (MOECC); HAULENA Adam; STAITE Patricia
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks -Draft ToR for the Lake Superior Link Project

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Hi Bruce,

Not a problem. Thank you for letting me know.

Cheers,
Antonia

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To: Testa, Antonia (MOECC)
Cc: Evers, Andrew (MOECC); Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com
Subject: Hydro One Networks -Draft ToR for the Lake Superior Link Project

Hi Antonia,

We have just realized that we failed to demark the document as "Draft". We are working to revise.

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To: antonia.testa@ontario.ca
Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; andrew.evers@ontario.ca; Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link -draft ToR open for review
Date: June 11, 2018 3:32:10 PM

Hi Antonia,

Today Hydro One sent out notifications to stakeholders that the draft ToR for the Lake Superior Link project is available for review and comment for 30 days. We have sent the following:

- Emails to Municipal, Provincial and Federal government agencies on our contact list with a formal letter and digital copy of the ToR.
- Emails to property owners on our contact list informing them that a draft ToR is available for review at a local municipal office.
- Emails to interest groups informing them that a draft ToR is available for review and providing them with a digital copy.
- Emails to Indigenous Communities informing them that a draft ToR is available for review and providing them with a digital copy.

Hydro One will be providing hard copies of the ToR to:

- Municipal Offices
- MOECC
- Indigenous Communities and
- Anyone requesting a copy

The draft ToR will be made available for public review at:

- Municipal offices of Thunder Bay, Nipigon, Red Rock, Dorion, Terrace Bay, Marathon, Shuniah, Schrieber, White River and Wawa
- All Public and Indigenous CICs
- Indigenous Administrative Offices

Let me know if you require any further information.

Thank you,

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Cc: patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com; andrew.evers@ontario.ca
Subject: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link Project -draft ToR
Date: June 8, 2018 9:55:22 AM

Hi Adam,

This is to notify the MOECC that on Monday June 11, 2018 Hydro One will be making available a draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project to government agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous Communities and the public for review and comment. The draft will be made available for 30 days ending July 10, 2018. We will be disseminating notices and copies starting Monday. We will provide you greater detail of this on Monday.

Thank you,

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: Adam.Wright@ontario.ca
Subject: RE: Meeting tomorrow May 30th

That's great. I will update the invite. See you tomorrow. Thanks.

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From: Wright, Adam (MOECC) [mailto:Adam.Wright@ontario.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 12:46 PM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: Evers, Andrew (MOECC)
Subject: RE: Meeting tomorrow May 30th

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Hi Bruce,

Thanks for touching base, yes everything is go for tomorrow. I have booked the 3rd floor boardroom at 135 St. Clair for the meeting, so you may want to update the meeting invite.

If you could call me when you arrive (416-325-5500) I can come down to the lobby and meet you.

Cheers,

Adam

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com [mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com]
Sent: May-29-18 11:19 AM
To: Wright, Adam (MOECC)
Cc: Evers, Andrew (MOECC)
Subject: Meeting tomorrow May 30th

Hi Adam,

I Just want to confirm with you that everything is still on track for us to meet tomorrow at your office on Saint Clair at 10AM? I will be bringing from Hydro One: Patricia Staite, Elise Croll, Denise Jamal and Christine Goulais. I will also be bringing our environmental consultant Craig Wallace from SNC-Lavalin.

Bruce Hopper
Environmental Planner

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: adam.wright@ontario.ca; andrew.evers@ontario.ca; annamaria.cross@ontario.ca
Subject: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -Schedule
Attachments: [Lake Superior Link TOR EA Schedule 23-05-2018.pdf](#)

My apologies, I intended to send this revised schedule out to you last week. We can discuss further at the meeting today. Thank you.

From: [Wright, Adam \(MOECC\)](#)
To: [Wallace, Craig](#)
Cc: [Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com](#); [patricia.staite@HydroOne.com](#); [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: RE: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Project - Stakeholder Contact List
Date: June 1, 2018 9:03:13 AM
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[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Hi Craig,

Thanks for circulating the current stakeholder list for the LSL project. Please do send a revised list as the EA process moves forward.

Cheers,

Adam

From: Wallace, Craig [<mailto:Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>]
Sent: May-30-18 4:09 PM
To: Wright, Adam (MOECC)
Cc: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com; patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Medved, Luka
Subject: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Project - Stakeholder Contact List

Hello Adam,

Further to the MOECC/Hydro One meeting this morning attached is the current stakeholder contact list for the Lake Superior Link (LSL) project. As noted, the recent Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference was sent to all those listed on the contact list. Updates to the contact list will be provided to the MOECC as we progress in the EA process.

Regards,

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Manager, Environmental Assessment and Permitting
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Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:36:03 AM
Attachments: [LSL_NoC_Agency Letter_MOECC.pdf](#)

Hello Kathleen,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

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To: ["cheryl.szikita@ontario.ca"](mailto:cheryl.szikita@ontario.ca)
Cc: [Wallace, Craig](mailto:Wallace.Craig); ["Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com); ["Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com)
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 4:18:00 PM
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Dear Ms. Szikita:

Hydro One Networks Inc. is in the process of finalizing a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake Superior Link project. Once complete Hydro One will submit the proposed ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act.

An electronic copy of the Proposed ToR will be provided to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care via email to this email address.

If there are needs for any paper copies, or if the above mailing address is inaccurate please notify myself or Adam Haulena at Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents.

The ToR is the first step in the EA process and outlines the work plan Hydro One will follow to address the requirements under the Environmental Assessment Act. If approved by the MECP, the ToR will provide the framework for the second step of the process, the preparation of the EA. Important elements of the EA will be to evaluate the alternative routes, assess potential effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

Luka Medved, MEM, EPT

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Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:35:56 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter MoH.pdf](#)

Hello Tony Amalfa,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

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From: Medved, Luka
To: "[Parry, Shawn \(MMAH\)](mailto:Parry, Shawn (MMAH))"; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
Cc: [Steinman, Carly \(MMAH\)](mailto:Steinman, Carly (MMAH)); Wallace, Craig; "Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com"
Subject: RE: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 23, 2018 11:49:00 AM
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Hello Shawn,

To confirm, yes MMAH was identified through the MECP government review team list. Moving forward MMAH will be removed from the Lake Superior Link distribution list.

All the best, thanks!

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Sent: August 23, 2018 9:33 AM
To: Medved, Luka; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
Cc: Steinman, Carly (MMAH)
Subject: RE: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project

Morning Luka and Adam,

Not sure how I got on the distribution list for this project, as my unit doesn't perform a review function for individual EAs. You may have been provided a circulation list by MECP....I've already advised MECP that these types of proposals don't need to be circulated to me.

You can also remove Carly Steinman from the list as she's moved on

Thanks and good luck with your project.

Shawn Parry, MCIP, RPP

Manager – Planning Innovation

Provincial Planning Policy Branch

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Sent: August 22, 2018 4:22 PM

To: Parry, Shawn (MMA) <Shawn.Parry@ontario.ca>

Cc: Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com;
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Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project

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Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:35:35 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter MoMAH.pdf](#)

Hello Carly Steinman,

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Good morning,

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Thank you,

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Subject: MNRF Comments on Draft ToR - Lake Superior Link EA

Bruce:

Please find attached comments from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed lake Superior Link Environmental Assessment.

Londa

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Subject: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Project - Minutes of Meeting & MNRF Comments on Terms of Reference
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To All,

Attached are the minutes of the meeting held with the MNRF and MOECC on June 15th regarding the Hydro One Lake Superior Link (LSL) project.

Londa - As follow-up to Item 2.2 of the meeting minutes, it was MNRF's intent to provide comments on the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the LSL project on July 10th to Hydro One. Bruce Hopper tried to follow-up with you on the 10th, however we recognized that you were on vacation and returning this week. Can you please advise on the status of receiving MNRF comments on the ToR. Once in receipt and review of the MNRF comments we would like to arrange a meeting to go over any specific items, which may require clarification.

Thank you.

Regards,

Craig Wallace, BES, EP

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Thank you Bruce,

I've sent this information on to our Regional Aboriginal Advisor for input toward our agencies duty to consult to ensure our aspects are covered.

Your assistance on this matter is greatly appreciated. If you do not hear anything else from MNRF on this matter in the near future there's likely no concern.

Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Chantal Chauvin

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Subject: RE: Duty to Consult - MOU

Hi Chantal,

Attached is the MOU for the LSL project. This MOU predates the LSL project as such the appendix only lists the Northwest Transmission Enhancement Project. Our Indigenous Relations group is working with the MOE to amend and list the LSL Project-but that is just a formality. With the election it will be awhile before the MOU gets amended but the intent is for it to apply to the LSL project.

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From: Chauvin, Chantal (MNRF) [<mailto:Chantal.Chaudin@ontario.ca>]
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Hello Bruce,

I'm curious if Hydro One has also acquired an MOU with the Ministry of Energy outlining in more detail the aspects of the responsibilities for duty to consult with indigenous communities and groups and if you'd be able to provide a copy of that as well to ensure our Ministry is also covered under this delegation of procedural activities for your Lake Superior Link project.

Thank you,

Chantal Chauvin

Regional Planner

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Hi Londa,

As requested in our meeting last Friday, please find attached the Duty to Consult letter. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you

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Minutes No.:	003	Project #:	652996	
Project Name:	Lake Superior Link (LSL)			
Prepared by:	L. Medved	Meeting Date:	June 15, 2018	
		Meeting Time:	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	
		Teleconference		
Attendees:	Londa Mortson (LM) Chris Marr (CM) Chantal Chauvin (CC) Heather Nelson (HN) Danielle Terrant (DT) Phil Couture (PC) Kimberly McNaughton (KM) Adam Wright (AW)	MNRF MNRF MNRF MNRF MNRF MNRF MNRF MOECC	Bruce Hopper (BH) Patricia Staite (PS) Craig Wallace (CW) Luka Medved (LMd)	HONI HONI SLI SLI

Minutes

Item #	Description	Action by	Date
Terms of Reference			
1	Initiation and Preparation Terms of Reference (ToR) (CW and BH)		
1.1	CW provided a brief overview of recent LSL developments pertaining to the draft ToR. CW noted on June 11, 2018 Hydro One issued a draft ToR for review and comment. The draft ToR is available for review and comment over a 30 day period from June 11 to July 10, 2018. Key stakeholders (federal/provincial agencies) and Indigenous communities have been provided with hard and electronic copies of the document for review. In addition, hard copies of the draft ToR have also been made available at municipal offices for review and Hydro One's project website. A hard copy of the draft ToR will be made available to stakeholders upon request.	Info	
1.2	CW noted Community Information Centres (CICs) were held the week of June 11, 2018 across nine different municipalities to provide the public and stakeholders with an update on the project and discuss the draft ToR. The draft ToR was made available at each of the CIC sessions. Stakeholders were asked to provide comments and any feedback they may have on the draft ToR or the Project. CW noted no opposition to the project was raised at any of the CICs.	Info	
2	Request for MNRF Review of Draft ToR (CW)		
2.1	MNRF inquired whether MOECC would coordinate the review of the draft ToR. AW clarified that there would be no formal coordination of review led by the MOECC for the draft ToR. AW noted the proponent will lead and coordinate the draft ToR review,	Info	



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	however the MOECC will lead review process for the proposed ToR. AW inquired whether the draft ToR had been shared with Indigenous communities. BH confirmed that both hard and electronic copies of the draft ToR have been provided to Indigenous communities. In addition, Hydro One has been meeting with Indigenous communities where it has introduced and discussed the draft ToR.		
2.2	CW inquired whether MNRF would be able to provide comments on the draft ToR by the end of the 30 day comment period. LM confirmed MNRF will review the draft ToR and look to provide comments. LM noted the review period is quite short and as such MNRF will likely only provide high level comments identifying concerns and issues. LM inquired when the final ToR submission was anticipated. BH noted the submission of the final ToR is anticipated to occur in July 2018.	Info	
2.3	LM inquired whether past MNRF comments on the Nextbridge ToR have been reviewed. BH confirmed past Nextbridge ToR comments have been reviewed. BH also explained that the EA will focus on collecting data where there are differences in the routing or ancillary infrastructure (e.g., temporary access, laydown yards, fly yards, etc.) proposed by Hydro One and NextBridge; and also where assumed data gaps may be present to complete the EA and/or secure other permits/approvals. To avoid duplication of effort, Hydro One intends to rely on the existing Nextbridge baseline data, and supplement as necessary for specific routing or supportive temporary infrastructure applicable to the LSL project. PC noted there are risks surrounding the aggressive project schedule and the reliance on Nextbridge data.	Info	
Consultation			
3	Consultation Activities Update (CW and BH)		
3.1	CW provided an overview of the CICs held during the week of June 11, 2018 and identified some of the comments received. Comments/questions received were mainly focused on property concerns and approvals processes (e.g. OEB). All recorded comments from the CICs will be documented in the Record of Consultation for the project.	Info	
3.2	BH provided an overview of recent consultation completed with Indigenous communities. BH noted Hydro One has met with seven communities over the past two weeks to discuss environmental baseline studies, CICs and the draft ToR. Additional meetings have been arranged with Indigenous communities in the coming weeks. BH confirmed capacity funding agreements have been provided to communities for review of the draft ToR and participate in field studies and EA in general.		
3.3	LM inquired whether Hydro One has received a delegation to consult for the LSL project. BH confirmed Hydro One received a duty to consult letter from the Ministry of Energy in March 2018. LM requested the letter received from the Ministry of Energy be shared with MNRF for review. BH confirmed a copy of the letter will be sent to	BH	



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	MNRF as follow-up action item to the meeting. <i>Note: BH sent a copy of the duty to consult letter to MNRF on June 18.</i>		
Work Programs – Environmental Assessment			
4	Status of Environmental Studies (CW)		
4.1	CW noted field studies were set to begin the week of June 18. The LSL field program will focus on the Dorion area, Pukaskwa National Park and the areas surrounding the park between Wawa and Marathon. It was noted that Work Plans were shared with MNRF in April 2018 for review and comment. To date, Caribou and whip-poor-will studies have been completed.	Info	
5	MNRF Permitting (CW and BH)		
5.1	CW identified that the geotechnical program is scheduled for late 2018 in the winter to minimize potential impacts to the environment. Work plans for the geotechnical program will be provided to MNRF for review in Fall 2018. The geotechnical program consists of 65 drilling sites and will require MNRF work permits.	Info	
5.2	BH inquired whether MNRF would like to meet on a more frequent basis or around major milestones. LM noted MNRF would prefer meetings be held around major milestones.	Info	
5.3	CW inquired whether information/permit applications should continue to be sent to the MNRF regional contacts or to each of the districts. LM confirmed that the MNRF would prefer all communication continue to go through the regional contacts, who will then distribute the information to each district.	Info	
5.4	MNRF inquired whether the draft ToR contains a schedule of the EA process. BH noted an EA schedule for the project is not included in the ToR but has been developed and shared with MOECC.	Info	
5.5	KM inquired whether the ToR will evaluate the twinning of the existing transmission corridor through Dorion. BH noted that the only alternative route being assessed in the draft ToR at present is the loop around Pukaskwa National Park. LM inquired whether rationale will be provided as to why the twinning of the Dorion corridor is not being considered. LM also noted the MNRF views the LSL project as a new undertaking, completely separate from the Nextbridge project. LM noted MNRF will provide comments requesting a route selection process for the Dorion area be completed.	Info	

The above is considered to be a true and accurate record of discussions at the meeting. Please advise the writer of any discrepancy noted within 3 business days of issue so that any suggested corrections may be addressed prior to approval of minutes at the next scheduled meeting.

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[Draft of LSL ToR 11jun2018.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Mortson,

Please find attached a letter and draft Terms of Reference in relation to Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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Date: May 28, 2018 10:35:22 AM
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Hello Londa,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Paetz, BES., MCC.

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Good morning,

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (Northern Development and Mines) is satisfied with the responses to our comments. Thank you for sharing.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Paetz, BES., MCC.

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Thank you,

Adam Haulena

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Jennifer,

Thank you very much for your comments. We will review and get a hold of you if we have any questions. Should you have any concerns moving forward, don't hesitate to give me call.

Cheers,

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Hi Bruce,

Somehow, approvals actually went faster than usual! Please find see attached MENDM's (Northern Development and Mines) comments on the Lake Superior Link Draft Terms of Reference

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Hi Jennifer,

Thank you for your email. We can appreciate that the changes as a result of the election will cause delays and understand the need to go past the July 11th date. If you can get us comments by the end of the week that would be great. Also, if you would like a conference call to discuss anything let me know and I can arrange it. We'd be happy to discuss.

Thanks again,

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Hi Bruce,

Letting you know that our comments on the draft ToR may be delayed past July 11 due to the recent ministry 'rearrangement' (i.e., ENERGY and MNDM now being the same ministry). I'll let you know if I think the delay will extend past the end of next week. I hope that's ok.

Have a good weekend!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Paetz, BES., MCC.

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Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter MNDM.pdf](#)

Hello Jennifer,

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I look forward to hearing back from you.

Bruce Hopper
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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

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Hello Laura,

In Karla's absence, please note the email below.

Luka Medved, *MEM, EPT*

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Sent: August 22, 2018 4:26 PM
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Cc: Wallace, Craig; 'Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com'; 'Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com'
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project

Dear Ms. Barboza:

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To: jeff.elkow@ontario.ca
Subject: Lake Superior Link revised draft Terms of Reference
Date: August 8, 2018 11:20:09 AM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Notification MTCS.pdf](#)
[20180807 Lake Superior Link Draft RoC for the Proposed ToR - MTCS Comment and Responses Table.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Please see the attached notification for the release of the revised draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project and responses to comments received during the draft review period. If you have comments or would like to discuss please feel free to reach out to Bruce at 1-416-779-0257 or Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com, or Adam Haulena at 1-416-345-6596 or Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com.

Thank you,

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
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Cc: [Medved, Luka](mailto:Medved.Luka@HydroOne.com); Stephanie.Hodsoll@HydroOne.com; [Wallace, Craig](mailto:Wallace.Craig@HydroOne.com); patricia.staite@HydroOne.com; Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com
Subject: RE: 0009046 - Lake Superior Link Project – Hydro One Networks Inc.
Date: July 13, 2018 5:48:37 PM

Hi Jeff,

Thank you for the comments. We will review and get back you.

Bruce Hopper
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416-779-0257
bruce.hopper@hydroone.com

From: Elkow, Jeff (MTCS) [<mailto:Jeff.Elkow@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:58 PM
To: COMMUNITY Relations
Subject: 0009046 - Lake Superior Link Project – Hydro One Networks Inc.

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Bruce,

Thank you for providing the Notice of Commencement and Draft Terms of Reference to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Please see attached our comments and let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Jeff Elkow, M.A.

Heritage Planner
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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca; James.Antler@ontario.ca
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: June 10, 2018 7:08:39 PM
Attachments: [LSL Panels v99C.pdf](#)

Hi Karla, James:

As requested, please find attached the materials that will be presented at the CIC this coming week. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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From: Barboza, Karla (MTCS) [mailto:Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca]
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 9:01 AM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: Elkow, Jeff (MTCS)
Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

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MTCS File# 0009046

Hi Bruce,

Thanks for sending the notice of commencement of terms of reference and invitation to community information centre for Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS).

Please continue to forward any notices and/or communications related to this EA project to both myself and Jeff Elkow.

- Karla Barboza | Team Lead - Heritage (Acting) | 416-314-7120 | karla.barboza@ontario.ca
- Jeff Elkow | Heritage Planner (Acting) | Heritage Program Unit (Tourism, Culture and Sport) | 416-314-7182 | jeff.elkow@ontario.ca

MTCS would appreciate if you can send a copy of the materials to be presented at the Community Information Centres for information.

Thanks again,

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: James.Antler@ontario.ca
Cc: Laurie.Brownlee@ontario.ca; [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: June 4, 2018 9:28:42 PM

Consider it done. Thank you. **by cc to Luka** could you please add James to the contact list. Thank you

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From: Antler, James (MTCS) [mailto:James.Antler@ontario.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 10:13 AM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: Brownlee, Laurie (MTCS)
Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

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Hi Bruce:

Can you please add me to the circulation list for the project in question. I am a Policy Advisor with the Tourism Division of our Ministry. Karla Barboza, who flipped me the notice, is part of our Culture Division. Thanks.

Jim Antler
Policy Advisor
Northern Policy and Planning Unit
Tourism Division
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
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From: Barboza, Karla (MTCS)

Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

Hi Jim and Laurie,

Apologies for any duplication! Not sure if you have been circulated on this one - This is Hydro One's project which is in the same area as the NextBridge East-Tie project.

Regards,

Karla

Karla Barboza MCIP, RPP, CAHP | (A) Team Lead, Heritage

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Culture Division | Programs and Services Branch | Heritage Program Unit

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com>]

Sent: May-28-18 10:35 AM

To: Barboza, Karla (MTCS)

Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

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Ministry of Transportation

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Cc: [Wallace, Craig](mailto:Wallace.Craig); ["Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com); ["Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com)
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Date: August 22, 2018 4:28:00 PM
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Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:34:24 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter MTO2.pdf](#)

Hello Ian Galloway,

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To: john.fraser3@ontario.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:34:44 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter MTO1.pdf](#)

Hello John,

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MP Thunder Bay – Rainy River

Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link - MP Rusnak
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Dear MP Rusnak:

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Yours truly,

Steven Mantifel

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MP Thunder Bay – Superior North

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Subject: FW: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: May 29, 2018 12:44:25 PM
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Simmer Anand

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Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 11:42 AM
To: ANAND Simmer
Subject: FW: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link

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Hello Simmer,

Thank you for the invitation for Minister Hajdu to attend a briefing session on the Hydro One Lake Superior Link project. Unfortunately, the Minister will be in Ottawa that week and unable to attend. I will provide her with the information you sent and follow up with you if there are any questions.

Kind regards,
Crystal

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From: Simmer.Anand@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Simmer.Anand@HydroOne.com>]

Sent: May 28, 2018 10:25 AM

To: Hajdu, Patty - M.P.

Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link

Dear Minister Hajdu,

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Thank you!

With kind regards,

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MPP Algoma – Manitoulin

Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link - MPP Mantha
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Dear MPP Mantha:

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MPP Thunder Bay – Atikokan

Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link - MPP Mauro
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Dear MPP Mauro:

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MPP Thunder Bay – Superior North

Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link - MPP Gravelle
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Thank you!

Yours truly,

Steven Mantifel

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Municipality of Shuniah

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: pgreenwood@shuniah.org
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 2:59:16 PM

Dear Mr. Greenwood

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An electronic copy of the Proposed ToR will be provided to the township via email to this email address. In addition Hydro One will distribute one paper copy to be made available for public review at the municipal office located at: 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7A 1X8, office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If there are needs for additional paper copies, or if the above information is inaccurate please notify us by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents. We can be reached via email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or telephone: 1-877-345-6799.

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Thank you,

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Manager, Special Projects
Hydro One

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: nhunley@shuniah.org; pgreenwood@shuniah.org
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:57:20 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Municipality of Shuniah.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Hunley-Johansen and Mr. Greenwood:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that Ms. Hunley-Johansen kindly circulate this to Mayor and members of Council?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: pgreenwood@shuniah.org
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[Shuniah - NoC - May 28th.pdf](#)

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: pgreenwood@shuniah.org
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 12:12:20 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Shuniah - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

Hydro One recently sent you a Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Lake Superior Link transmission line Environmental Assessment (EA). The project is for a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and Wawa TS. The draft ToR document is open for review and public comment from June 11, 2018 to July 10, 2018. Please see the attached document with more information.

Thank you!

Yours truly,



Steven Mantifel

Manager, Special Projects

Corporate Affairs

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Municipality of Wawa

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: cwray@wawa.cc
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:04:01 PM

Dear Mr. Wray

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If there are needs for additional paper copies, or if the above contact information is inaccurate please notify us by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents. We can be reached via email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or telephone: 1-877-345-6799.

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: cwray@wawa.cc
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:57:44 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Municipality of Wawa.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Mr. Wray:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate this to Mayor and members of Council?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: cwray@wawa.cc
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 12:09:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Wawa - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Wray:

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: cwray@wawa.cc
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[Wawa - NoC - May 28th.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Wray:

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Can I ask that you kindly circulate the attached to Mayor Rody, members of Council and interested staff?

Thank you!

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Natural Resources Canada

From: [Campbell, Deborah \(INFC\)](#)
To: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
Cc: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: June 12, 2018 9:43:09 AM

Good morning Bruce,

Thank you for your follow-up. Please remove me from your contact list.

Regards,

Deborah

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com [mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com]
Sent: June-04-18 9:38 PM
To: Campbell, Deborah (INFC) <deborah.campbell@canada.ca>
Cc: Luka.Medved@snclavalin.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

Hi Deborah,

Thank you for your email. Your contact information was provided to us by the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate change as an agency that should be notified of the project in the event that it is of interest. If the project is of interest to your agency you can provide comments and continue to receive information as the project progresses. However, if the project is not of interest to your agency please let us know and we can remove you from our contact list.

Thank you,

Bruce Hopper
Environmental Planner
Environmental Services
Hydro One Networks Inc.
416-779-0257
bruce.hopper@hydroone.com

From: Campbell, Deborah (INFC) [mailto:deborah.campbell@canada.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 12:29 PM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

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Good afternoon Bruce,

I am not too certain why this was sent my way – perhaps it was a mis-send?

Thanks,

Deborah

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com>]

Sent: May 28, 2018 10:38 AM

To: Campbell, Deborah (NRCAN/RNCAN) <deborah.campbell@canada.ca>

Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

Hello Deborah Campbell,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

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Nav Canada

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: [Wallace, Craig](#); [Lafleur, Adriana](#)
Cc: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: 18-2711 - JF21410 - Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: June 3, 2018 6:06:47 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image001.jpg](#)
[LSL_NoC_Agency Letter NC.pdf](#)
[Multiple Obstacle.xlsx](#)
Importance: High

From: Land Use [<mailto:LandUse@navcanada.ca>]
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2018 7:10 PM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Cc: Fleming, John Michael
Subject: FW: 18-2711 - JF21410 - Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Importance: High

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Hello Bruce,

We have received the attached document which would need to be assessed by our Land Use office for impacts to our Air Navigation Systems.

Transport Canada is the Federal regulatory body that evaluates obstacles via the **[Aeronautical Assessment Form for Obstruction Marking and Lighting](#)**, primarily for issues regarding tower-obstacle-building lighting, painting-marking requirements and airport zoning restrictions. Transport Canada and NAV CANADA share information for the protection of the Air Navigation System.

NAV CANADA owns Canada's Air Navigation System. The Land Use evaluation process determines any potential impacts that may affect the safety of the Air Navigation System from various proposals. Please complete a Land Use submission for your project. We would also need a map depicting the location of the project and identifying each pole. Here is a link to the NAV CANADA Land Use webpage.

<http://www.navcanada.ca/EN/products-and-services/Pages/land-use-program-submission.aspx>

I have also attached a spreadsheet to be completed in the format given.

Thank you.

Diane Levesque
Land Use / Utilisation de terrains
AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (AIM) NAV CANADA
Personal: diane.levesque@navcanada.ca
Group: landuse@navcanada.ca
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T. 613-936-5135 / Toll-free 866- 577-0247 / F. 613-248-4094

SignatureNAVCANADA



From: Fleming, John Michael

Sent: May-28-18 10:46 AM

To: Land Use

Subject: 18-2711 - JF21410 - Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

Importance: High

Good morning,

The following was received by Customer Service. I am unsure if this is something that requires a Land Use submission. I am forwarding for your review and feedback.

Thanks.

John Michael (J.M.) Fleming

Customer Service Representative | représentant, Service à la clientèle

Customer Contact Centre | Centre de contact avec la clientèle

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com>]

Sent: May-28-18 10:34 AM

To: Customer Service Centre/ Service à la clientèle

Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

Hello Nav Canada,

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Ontario Parks

From: Medved, Luka
To: ["kevin.leveque@ontario.ca"](mailto:kevin.leveque@ontario.ca)
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 4:32:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Dear Mr. Leveque:

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Luka Medved, *MEM, EPT*

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From: Medved, Luka
To: ["tamara.flannigan@ontario.ca"](mailto:tamara.flannigan@ontario.ca)
Cc: [Wallace, Craig](mailto:Wallace.Craig); ["Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com); ["Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com)
Subject: FW: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 4:35:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
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Hello Tamara,

In Bridget's absence, please note the email below.

Luka Medved, *MEM, EPT*

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From: Medved, Luka
Sent: August 22, 2018 4:34 PM
To: 'bridget.schulte-hostedde@ontario.ca'
Cc: Wallace, Craig; 'Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com'; 'Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com'
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project

Dear Ms. Schulte-Hostedde:

Hydro One Networks Inc. is in the process of finalizing a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake Superior Link project. Once complete Hydro One will submit the proposed ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act.

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: bridget.schulte-hostedde@ontario.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:34:11 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter OP2.pdf](#)

Hello Bridget Schulte-Hostedde,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

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From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: kevin.leveque@ontario.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:34:19 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter OP1.pdf](#)

Hello Kevin Leveque,

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Parks Canada

From: Medved, Luka
To: ["christine.drake@pc.gc.ca"](mailto:christine.drake@pc.gc.ca)
Cc: ["sharon.hayes@pc.gc.ca"](mailto:sharon.hayes@pc.gc.ca); [Wallace, Craig](#); ["Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com); ["Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com"](mailto:Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com)
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:54:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Dear Ms. Drake:

Hydro One Networks Inc. is in the process of finalizing a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake Superior Link project. Once complete Hydro One will submit the proposed ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act.

An electronic copy of the Proposed ToR will be provided to Parks Canada - (Pukaskwa National Park) via email to this email address.

If there are needs for any paper copies, or if the above mailing address is inaccurate please notify myself or Adam Haulena at Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents.

The ToR is the first step in the EA process and outlines the work plan Hydro One will follow to address the requirements under the Environmental Assessment Act. If approved by the MECP, the ToR will provide the framework for the second step of the process, the preparation of the EA. Important elements of the EA will be to evaluate the alternative routes, assess potential effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

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Date: August 28, 2018 7:02:22 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Notification Parks Canada.pdf](#)
[20180807 Lake Superior Link Draft RoC for the Proposed ToR - Parks Canada Comment and Responses Table.pdf](#)
[RevisedDraftofLakeSuperiorLinkTermsofReference Comments 2018_08_21.docx](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 1:19 PM
To: HAULENA Adam; HOPPER Bruce
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Subject: Re: Lake Superior Link revised draft Terms of Reference

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Hi Adam & Bruce,

Just a couple points of clarification for you on the responses to our input.
We can discuss further on Thursday if you have questions.

Regards,
Christine

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Date: 08/08/2018 11:21 AM
Subject: Lake Superior Link revised draft Terms of Reference

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Subject: FW: Lake Superior Link revised draft Terms of Reference
Date: August 8, 2018 1:54:36 PM

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Good morning,

Please see the attached notification for the release of the revised draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link and responses to comments received during the draft review period. If you have comments or would like to discuss please feel free to reach out to Bruce at 1-416-779-0257 or Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com, or Adam Haulena at 1-416-345-6596 or Adam.Haulena@HydroOne.com.

Thank you,

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Monday November 27, 2017

Ms. Elise Croll
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RE: License of Occupation within Pukaskwa National Park

Dear Ms. Croll,

I am following up on two meetings that recently took place between Parks Canada, Hydro One, and SNC Lavalin. The first meeting took place on September 30, 2017 at Pukaskwa National Park. At this meeting Hydro One and SNC Lavalin presented a conceptual plan for Hydro One to upgrade towers using the existing right-of-way in Pukaskwa National Park for the purpose of accommodating an additional transmission line.

The second meeting took place via teleconference on November 20, 2017. At this meeting Parks Canada, Hydro One and SNC Lavalin discussed the tower upgrade proposal in additional detail, based on a Project Overview provided to Parks Canada on October 13, 2017.

Given the information that we have been provided to date, Parks Canada is not opposed to the project in principle. Parks Canada is prepared to continue to consider the Hydro One request in accordance with the License of Occupation, applicable laws and policies, and Indigenous consultation obligations. Among other potential next steps: mitigations will need to be discussed as more information is obtained throughout development of the project; a written plan for construction will need to be submitted as per Article 8.01 of the current License Agreement; and either a Basic or Detailed Impact Assessment, under section 67 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (2012) will need to be completed.

Sincerely,

Annique Maheu
A/ Park Superintendent

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Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments
Date: July 9, 2018 2:55:51 PM

Hi Christine,

Thank you for your comments and the DIA information. We will have a look at it all and get back to you with any questions or concerns.

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Subject: Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments

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Hi Bruce,

Attached are comments in response to the Draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project (DraftTermsOfReference_Comments_2018_06_18.docx)

Also - as mentioned a couple weeks ago - Parks Canada will require a Detailed Impact Analysis (DIA) to meet s.67 of CEAA 2012. A template for producing a Terms of Reference for a Parks Canada Agency DIA is attached (DIATermsOfReference_Guidelines_2018_06_22.docx).

For that process - we ask that you complete drafts of Section 1, 2 & 4 for our review (Background, Description & Consultation). Note that once submitted, we will require 30 days to review these three sections. If your EA team would like more explanation of the DIA process or guidance -- they can contact our EIA officer directly (Courtney Irvine at 807-229-0801 ext 239).

Thanks,
Christine

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Date: 11/06/2018 03:03 PM
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments

Hi Sharon, Christine:

Please find attached a letter and draft Terms of Reference for Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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Date: June 26, 2018 4:00:58 PM

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(this is for the tower inspection work)

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Date: 26/06/2018 03:36 PM
Subject: Fw: Numéro de la demande de permis de recherche et de collecte de Parcs Canada / Parks Canada Research Collection Permit Application No.:35622

Hello,

I have reviewed your research permit application for the field survey of foundations of the transmission towers and the bedrock topographical survey at each tower location. It has been determined that this work does not require a research permit as it falls within the terms of the current Licence of Occupation.

Can you please provide us with your field schedule, and with a contact name and number in case of

emergencies.

In terms of archaeological requirements for this inspection, if archaeological resources (i.e. structural remains and/or high artifact concentrations) are encountered, work should cease in the immediate area and the Park Superintendent, Christine Drake, should be contacted at 807-229-0801 ext. 266. GPS coordinates and photos should be taken of the find spot and the cultural resource is not to be removed unless instructed by us to do so.

Site restoration activities are restricted to the limits of the borehole without any extra excavation or clearing.

Please contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thanks.

Lynn Lefort

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Date: 25/06/2018 11:38 AM
Subject: Numéro de la demande de permis de recherche et de collecte de Parcs Canada / Parks Canada Research Collection Permit Application No.:35622

Vous avez reçu une demande de permis de la part de Alain Delisle. Alain Delisle has made a request for a permit.

Project Title: Hydro One Lake Superior Link ProkectResearch Nature: Social Science/Science sociale

Application Number/Numéro d'Application:
35622http://intranet/apps/RPS/MainRPS_E.asp

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Subject: Re: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -Community Information Centres -Biggtigong and Pic Mobert FN
Date: June 25, 2018 2:47:12 PM

Thanks Bruce,
We won't be attending tonight.

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Date: 25/06/2018 10:09 AM
Subject: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -Community Information Centres -Biggtigong and Pic Mobert FN

Hi Christine,

Hydro One will be holding Community Information Centres (CICs) for the Lake Superior Link Project at the following locations this week:

- Monday June 25th (tonight) Biigtigong Community Centre 6-8PM
- Tuesday June 26th Pic Mobert Recreational Hall 6-8 PM

We will have display boards and a team to answer questions. If you are able, we hope you will stop by. I won't be attending but my co-worker Adam Haulena will be there and will be happy to meet with you.

Let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you,

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Cc: Elise.Croll@HydroOne.com; [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: Hydro One -Lake Superior Link -Final meeting minutes 2018-06-11
Date: June 22, 2018 7:22:42 AM
Attachments: [Hydro One_Pukaskwa National Park_meeting minutes 2018-06-11_Final.pdf](#)

Please find attached final minutes of our meeting June 11. Thank you

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Minutes No.:	003	Project #:	LSL
Project Name:	Lake Superior Link		
Prepared by:	Don Parkinson (DP)	Meeting Date:	June 5, 2018
		Meeting Time:	10:00 am – 11:30 am
		Location: Pukaskwa National Park (PNP) Administration Office	
Invited Attendees:	Christine Drake (CD) Sharon Hayes (BM) Lynn Lefort (LL) Alain Delisle (AD) <i>Via teleconference</i> James Harris (JH) <i>Via teleconference</i> Patricia Staite (PS) <i>Via teleconference</i> Adam Haulena (AH) Tausha Esquega (TE) Bruce Hopper (BH) Don Parkinson (DP)	Parks Canada/PNP- Park Superintendent Parks Canada/ Field Unit Superintendent, Northern Ontario Parks Canada/PNP- Acting Resource Conservation Manager SNC-Lavalin (Clean Energy)- Project Director SNC-Lavalin Environment and Geoscience- Manager, Biology Hydro One- Manager, Environment HONI HONI HONI SNC-Lavalin	

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1.	BH stated that, to his understanding, two Research and Collection Permit applications had been submitted to PNP. CD stated that only one had been received. AD added that their permit application hadn't yet been submitted. The only permit submitted is by James Harris for the environmental studies.			
2	AD described the nature of the visual foundation inspection work to be undertaken shortly. TBT Engineering has been subcontracted to measure, inspect and photograph the tower foundations. The intent of the visual inspections is to ensure proper tower design based on the collected information. Access will be via helicopter. Team is also	AD to submit Research and		

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	assessing the condition of the east and west entrances to the Hydro One corridor in order to explore the possibility of walking equipment and materials into PNP and reducing helicopter use. AD added that the worst case scenario would be to do all work via helicopter.	Collection permit to PNP ASAP		
3	AD mentioned that as part of the visual foundation inspection work, it would be useful if the team would be able to probe the soil at each foundation. The purpose of this work is to identify depth to bedrock and would be done to a maximum depth of approximately 3 m using a 1-2" auger. The survey team has planned to assess three tower foundations per day. There are 86 towers within PNP boundaries.			
4	CD stated that a Research and Collection Permit would be required for the foundation inspection work and that Biigtigong Nishnaabeg (BN) may need to be engaged to ensure the work is not impacting their traditional rights. CD added that the soil probing work is of greatest concern to the Parks Canada archaeologists. They will review the application as well to identify if the soil probing work is being undertaken in archaeologically sensitive areas. AD stated that if certain tower locations are considered sensitive by the archaeologists, then the team will not conduct probing at that location.			
5	BH stated that AD will include the soil probing work in their Research and Collection Permit application. He added that they will consult with BN to ensure they are OK with our team undertaking the soil probing at the tower locations.			
6	AD asked about the timeline of the Research and Collection Permit review process. CD responded that review time depends on how quickly relevant experts such as archaeologists can be made available.			
7	AD stated that TBT Engineering wanted to gauge access to PNP via the existing Hydro One corridors to the east and west of the Park. He asked whether it needs to be made clear to them not to enter PNP when doing so. CD responded that they could not enter PNP until the Research and Collection Permit was approved.			
8	BH mentioned that the Research and Collection Permit for the field studies had been submitted to PC and that the advice from Parks Canada (PC) was to not proceed until PC hears back from BN.			

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9	CD added that the application was fairly straightforward, but reiterated that we would like BN to be okay with the permit. BH asked whether a meeting with PC, HONI and BN was needed and SH indicated that it was not necessary for the research permit as discussions are already occurring. SH indicated a meeting on the larger project may make sense in the near future.			
10	JH added that part of the Ecological Land Classification (ELC) protocol is to do hand augering with a 1" auger for the purposes of characterizing soil type. It was asked whether this detail was included in the application and JH stated that it was inferred, as it is part of the ELC protocol. BH noted that BN would be made aware of this to ensure they had no concerns. JH added that the field studies would consist primarily of bird point counts and vegetation classification.			
11	CD asked whether bat studies were being conducted. JH responded that the team may install passive monitors, but not within PNP.			
12	BH reviewed the last meeting's action items and stated that PCA is currently working with the real estate group at Hydro One. BH added that Hydro One had previously provided to the park a construction execution plan and environmental evaluation report.			
13	CD mentioned there had been a draft review of the environmental evaluation report. She added that PC needs to ensure it meets the obligations associated with the CEAA 2012 changes. Initial feedback from PC's review indicates that they will likely request integrated pest and vegetation management plans. CD mentioned that mitigation methods need to be well presented and will provide examples to assist Hydro One with understanding what is required. BH asked that these be sent as soon as possible	CD June 18, 2018		
14	SH stated that the Licence of Occupation is for the current line, not the new line. She added that the construction execution plan is required for any upgrades to the line. CD mentioned that an Impact Assessment under CEAA 2012 would be required for the new project described in the construction execution plan. The new project does trigger requirement for an assessment under CEAA 2012. PC will follow-up in an email with key documents that outline the Environmental Impact Analysis (EIA) process that Parks Canada developed to fulfil responsibilities under sec 67 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012. BH stated that the environmental assessment will serve as the impact assessment. A followup conversation with CD clarified that the EIA will be a separate document to the provincial EA. The EIA will be	CD		

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	specific to the Park and would draw from the same studies being conducted for the Provincial EA. CD added that PC's comments will be given via the review of the EIA.			
15	BH asked whether PC will provide comments on the draft Table of Contents for the Environmental Assessment. SH responded that her predecessor had previously prepared some comments and she will look for these.	SH	June 18, 2018	
16	BH provided an OEB update.			
17	BH indicated that the ARA, the archaeological consultant, is scheduled to begin mid-July and asked if PC archaeology staff wished to participate in this work. CD responded that this was unlikely due to the workload of the archaeology group, but will inquire as to whether they wish to be involved. BH added that the archaeology Research and Collection Permit will be submitted shortly by Hydro One, with the work in PNP to occur approximately mid-August. BH mentioned that BN will likely have monitors for the archaeological work in PNP.			

The above is considered to be a true and accurate record of discussions at the meeting. Please advise the writer of any discrepancy noted within 3 business days of issue so that any suggested corrections may be addressed prior to approval of minutes at the next scheduled meeting.

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
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Subject: RE: meeting Wed June 6th
Attachments: [RE Lake Superior Link -Biodiversity Enhancement in Pukaskwa .msg](#)
[HydroOne Environmental Evaluation Report 2018 01 24.pdf](#)
[Lake Superior Link Project PNP Construction Execution Plan.pdf](#)

Thanks Christine. Yes, it will be the same time. Part of the agenda is to review the action items from last meeting. As you were not at last meeting I've attached the meeting minutes. We are particularly interested in getting Park's feedback on the Evaluation Report Submitted in January and the Construction Execution Plan submitted in Feb. In light of the change in team members at the Park I've reattached both documents here for your convenience.

I look forward to meeting you both in person.

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Hi Bruce,

Sharon & I will be here, so in person would be great.

Assuming it will be for the same time as what is currently scheduled (10-11am)?

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Date: 30/05/2018 08:24 AM
Subject: meeting Wed June 6th

Hi Christine,

I was just going through my calendar and have an idea to run by you. Seeing I'm in the 'neighborhood' next week, would it be a possibility for me to join you at your office for the meeting on Wed? There would still be part of my team that would need to call in but I thought it would be a good opportunity for me to meet you and the Park team. Just thought I'd ask.

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Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:34:21 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter PC.pdf](#)

Hello Sharon,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

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Project Name:	Lake Superior Link			
Prepared by:	Adam Haulena		Meeting Date:	May 17, 2018
			Meeting Time:	1:15 pm – 1:45 pm
			Location: Conference Call	
Attendees:	Sharon Hayes (SH) Daniel Pouliot (DP) Bruce Hopper (BH) Patricia Staite (PS) Adam Haulena (AH) Doug Rivard (DR)	PC PC HONI HONI HONI HONI	James Harris (JH) Angela Brooks (AB)	SLI SLI

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Work Programs – Pukaskwa National Park			
1	Project Overview (BH)		
1.1	SNC relayed information gained from helicopter survey. Lots of washouts along PNP access road and removed culverts.	Info	
1.2	BH reviewed purpose of meeting. Biodiversity enhancement initiatives in the park in relation to existing corridor and proposed upgrades due to Lake Superior Link project	Info	
2	Workplan (BH)		
2.1	DP previously (May 8 th 2018) provided HONI with a list of projects picked from the H1-SNS Lavalin Work Plans (Aquatic, Vegetation, and Wildlife) to be considered as priorities for the environmental studies within the right of way.	Info	
2.2	JH overviewed workplan changes. Major changes – applying full vegetation and selected wildlife assessment protocol to ROW and adjacent habitat. One osprey nest located in the towers during helicopter surveys.	Info	
2.3	DP states it is important to have baseline data to have to assess. Most important to be able to measure a change when working vegetation management plan for community assemblages. Concern over SAR that PNP is responsible for. Monarch butterflies were mentioned as important for SAR as well as associated milkweed. DP wonders the need to put specific species that PNP is responsible for. SNC stated all	Info	

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	SAR would be assessed.		
3	Permit for field work		
3.1	Permit for field work on May 28. SNC was not sure on status of permit at the time. DP confirms SNC has submitted a request. DP wondering if there was an added a request for structural inspections to permit? PNP requests pertinent level of detail on all submissions to minimize back and forth.	SLI	
4	Biodiversity enhancement initiatives		
4.1	DP says all biodiversity enhancement initiative concerns have been addressed outlined in the correspondence previously sent.	Info	
5	Notice Letter		
5.1	BH - HONI to be sending out First Nations letters for work in park for consultation, including Pic River FN to advise that environmental studies will begin on the project. BH to send SH the letter. Wants to clarify if the letter for review or just FYI. Ensure letter is clear that it is commencement of EA studies, not approving project in its entirety. BH says letters are going out tomorrow, if there are any issues please bring them forward before then.	BH/SH	May 18 th , 2018
6	Table of Contents		
6.1	DP's team sent comments. Received and would like another week to provide comments	DP	
6.2	Archaeology – DP not yet able to meet with Parks Canada staff archaeologists. Will look into it next week.	DP	
7	Construction Execution Plan		
7.1	HONI not received comments on the plan yet. Action item: Discuss review of construction-execution plan. February 2020 rough estimate for PNP construction start.	BH/DP/SH	
7.2	Background provided on OEB time estimates in regards to motion to dismiss HONI and Section 92 leave to construct application.	Info	
8	License of Occupation		
8.1	License of occupation renewal - Environmental evaluation document has been sent to PNP for review. Comments will be provided to HONI. A fee change based on a recent Fair Market Value assessment has been discussed with HONI. Renewal for	DP/SH	

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	existing transmission line will be sent over shortly. SH noted this License of Occupation is independent of potential project upgrades that are currently under consideration.		

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Minutes No.:	001	Project #:	652996
Project Name:	Lake Superior Link		
Prepared by:	L. Medved	Meeting Date:	April 12, 2018
		Meeting Time:	9:00 am – 10:15 am
		Location: 195, TWM, Toronto Boardroom # 401	
Attendees:	Bill Brake (BB) Daniel Pouliot (DP) Bruce Hopper (BH) Patricia Staite (PS)	PC PC HONI HONI	Craig Wallace (CW) Angela Brooks (AB) Luka Medved (LM) SLI SLI SLI

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Work Programs – Environmental Assessment			
1	Project Overview (BH)		
1.1	BH provided a high level overview of the LSL project and the proposed route.	Info	
2	Aquatic (AB)		
2.1	AB provided an overview of the Aquatic field program, which was provided to Parks Canada in advance of the meeting. AB noted 81 crossings on the PNP transmission line segment have been identified. Representative sites will be assessed, with additional detailed data collection occurring where temporary crossings may be required.	Info	
2.2	DP inquired whether additional information on the nature of temporary crossings could be provided as it was believed all access would be obtained via helicopter (i.e. structures types such as culverts). DP noted he would need to conduct some research to determine what requirements may apply and whether temporary crossings could be installed within PNP due to the intrusive nature of the work. CW noted details on temporary crossings would be provided where applicable.	SLI	
2.3	CW noted the installation of any temporary crossing, where applicable, would follow all provincial and federal permitting requirements applicable. This would also include submitting a Request for Project Review to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and applying mitigation measures (e.g. erosion and sediment control, construction timing	Info	



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	windows, etc.) to minimize any impacts of proposed crossings to the natural environment. Note that subsequent to the meeting it is now confirmed by HONI/SLI that there will be no temporary watercourse crossings (equipment, ATV's, etc.) required within the park for either early access investigations or during the construction period for the tower renewal works.		
3	Vegetation (JH)		
3.1	AB provided a brief overview of the vegetation field program, which was provided to Parks Canada in advance of the meeting. CW noted that the vegetation program would focus on identifying vegetation communities based on the ELC classification system (Ecosites of Ontario: Boreal Range).	Info	
4	SAR (AB)		
4.1	AB provided an overview of the wildlife field program and identified the SAR of interest, which was provided to Parks Canada in advance of the meeting. AB noted helicopters would be used to access the ROW through PNP to complete the proposed field surveys.	Info	
4.2	DP inquired whether any areas within the park needed to be cleared for helicopter landings. DP noted no clearing would be permitted in the park. No clearing is anticipated to be required for helicopter landings to facilitate field surveys. Researchers will be dropped within the existing ROW. Note that subsequent to the meeting it is now confirmed by HONI/SLI that there will be no required additional clearing for helicopter work during the construction phase of the project.	Info	
4.3	BB inquired whether there was an opportunity to improve ecological integrity and/or natural environment baseline data within PNP as a result of the LSL project. BH noted Hydro One would be willing to consider suggested Parks Canada initiatives that may improve ecological integrity and/or biodiversity management efforts within PNP. PS noted HONI allocates funds for biodiversity initiatives on Hydro One projects that could support such activities. BH requested that a separate meeting be arranged to discuss the nature of the request and what vegetation management, ecological integrity or data collection initiatives may entail. BB and DP agreed that a separate meeting to discuss the matter would be appropriate.	BH	May 15 th , 2018
4.4	DP inquired whether the scope of the field program could be expanded to include SAR included in Pukaskwa Multi-Species Action Plan (PMSAP). DP noted this would assist Parks Canada in developing a better understanding of the known habitat suitable for SAR, which in turn would assist in park management. DP to provide the list of SAR covered by the PMSAP to AB.	DP	May 1 st , 2018



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4.5	DP inquired whether sampling protocol for certain measures be similar outside and inside park boundary, as currently, field programs stated that “Field Program survey efforts will be focused on the corridor areas outside Pukaskwa National Park east towards Wawa, and between the park and Marathon on the west end. That said representative sampling will occur within the park to characterize watercourse crossings and vegetation”. Those specific measures would be identify by Pukaskwa National Park and proposed to HONI/SLI. These measures to be use as baseline for Parks Canada initiatives that may improve ecological integrity and/or biodiversity management efforts within PNP as per point 4.3. This request will be reviewed further by HONI/SLI in relation to current proposed scope of work and local study area assessment for the proposed transmission line.	BH	BH
4.6	AB explained that as part of the SAR provincial overall benefit permits (e.g. myotis and caribou) under Endangered Species Act that are anticipated for the LSL project and that compensation and/or creation of habitat will be required. AB inquired whether Parks Canada may be aware of any areas within PNP that could be restored, which would assist in meeting permitting requirements and improve ecological integrity within portions of PNP. DP was unaware of any specific areas at this time. DP to review and advise whether any such areas may be suitable. Further discussion identified in point 4.3 could help identify such areas.	DP	May 15 th , 2018
5	Caribou Study Update (Marathon to Wawa Segment) (AB)		
5.1	AB confirmed the winter caribou survey was completed in March 2018. BH noted he would send the SLI caribou survey memo to Parks Canada for their information.	BH	May 15 th , 2018
PNP Access Collection Permits			
6	Biology Surveys (AB)		
6.1	DP noted that research and collection permits would be required for the proposed field work within PNP similar to the one obtained for the caribou survey. DP stated a single application for the entire field program could be pursued or multiple applications for each phase of work could be submitted. DP clarified that the Air Access permit and SARA-Decision Tool would also be required but that Park ecologist (Natalie Asselin, contact person for research permits) would guide HONI/SLI in applying for these, through their application for their Research and Collection permit(s). CW noted it would be preferred to submit a single research permit application for the entire work program.	Info	
7	Visual Assessment (CW)		



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7.1	CW explained a visual assessment for the transmission line crossing PNP is planned. CW inquired whether Parks Canada was aware of any informal trails, portage routes or any other navigation routes crossing the existing ROW that should be considered in assessment. DP noted he was unaware of any such trails, but that local Indigenous communities do use the existing ROW (e.g., snowmobiles) within PNP (primarily northern section) to support traditional land use activities within PNP.	Info	
7.2	BB inquired whether an assessment of the Project's impact on the use of PNP lands by First Nation and/or Metis communities would occur. BH noted HONI will and has already begun engaging local Indigenous communities to discuss the proposed project. The effect of the LSL project on use of the existing ROW by Indigenous communities will be discussed within the environmental assessment.	Info	
7.3	BB noted Parks Canada is a neutral entity who does not wish to address any comments or concerns of the proposed project when asked. BH noted all inquiries related to the project can be directed to HONI and will be addressed. It is suggested Parks Canada provide HONI Community Relations contact information when an inquiry pertaining to the LSL project is made. HONI Community Relations Telephone: 1-877-345-6799 or by email Community.Relations@HydroOne.com .	BH	Complete
7.4	CW inquired whether Parks Canada could identify the Indigenous Communities and/or others who actively utilize the existing transmission corridor for movement/travel within the park. DP noted a request could be sent to BB where more information on existing land uses within PNP could be provided. BH to make formal request by separate email.	BH	Complete
8	Geotechnical (CW)		
8.1	CW explained that no intrusive drilling is required within PNP for the geotechnical investigations to support detail design. CW noted geotechnical staff will complete a visual assessment of the existing tower foundations throughout PNP and will utilize a helicopter to reach towers. CW also noted ATVs may be transported by helicopter and utilized by crews for the visual inspection within the existing ROW. DP reiterated that an air access permit would be required for use of a helicopter over PNP. Daniel noted an email could be sent to him for the permit application.	Info	
9	Archaeology (BH/CW)		
9.1	BH explained that in Nextbridge's initial assessment of a corridor through PNP a Stage 1 archaeological assessment was completed. DP noted he was unaware of any such study and requested that it be shared with Parks Canada. BH noted he would provide the Stage 1 archaeological assessment report to DP.	BH	Complete
9.2	BH explained as Nextbridge could not construct a new transmission line through PNP, no Stage 2 archaeological assessment within PNP was completed. As a result, HONI	DP	May 1,



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	will be required to complete a Stage 2 archaeological assessment for tower foundation work where areas of high archaeological potential have been identified within PNP. BH noted in discussion with a HONI team member with an archaeological background and project experience with Federal agencies that federal archaeological assessment standards differ from those of provincial agencies. DP noted Parks Canada has an archaeologist who would review any proposed work. BB cautioned that Parks Canada has limited resources and has many existing initiatives and as such it is unlikely that Park Canada could complete any archaeological field work. BH and CW acknowledged this and noted if Parks Canada was unable to undertake the assessment a licensed archaeologist would be retained. DP noted he would follow-up with BH on the subject.		2018
10	Helicopter/ATV Access (CW)		
10.1	It was discussed that an air access permit would be required for any helicopter use within PNP.	Info	

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Rosspport Local Services Board

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: rossportlsb@gmail.com
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:57:54 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Rossport LSB.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. King:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate this to members of the Local Services Board?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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Subject: Hydro One update: Lake Superior Link project
Date: June 29, 2018 12:11:36 PM
Attachments: [Lake Superior Link project update Rossport LSB.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. King:

Please see attached an update letter about Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project. We would ask that you kindly circulate to Board members.

Yours truly,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Project
Hydro One Community Relations
1-877-345-6799

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Town of Marathon

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: cao@marathon.ca
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 2:55:00 PM

Dear Mr. Skworchinski

Hydro One Networks Inc. is in the process of finalizing a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake Superior Link project. Once complete Hydro One will submit the proposed ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act.

An electronic copy of the Proposed ToR will be provided to the township via email to this email address. In addition Hydro One will distribute one paper copy to be made available for public review at the municipal office located at: 4 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON, P0T2E0, office hours Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If there are needs for additional paper copies, or if the above contact information is inaccurate please notify us by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents. We can be reached via email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or telephone: 1-877-345-6799.

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Thank you,

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Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 12:08:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Marathon - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Skworchinski:

Hydro One recently sent you a Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Lake Superior Link transmission line Environmental Assessment (EA). The project is for a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and Wawa TS. The draft ToR document is open for review and public comment from June 11, 2018 to July 10, 2018. Please see the attached document with more information.

Thank you!

Yours truly,



Steven Mantifel

Manager, Special Projects

Corporate Affairs

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[Marathon - NoC - May 28th.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Skworchinski:

As you are aware, earlier this year Hydro One filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board to construct the Lake Superior Link, a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and our Wawa TS. We have now initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. The attached newspaper ad, which will be running this week and next week in local newspapers, contains more information. I have also attached a flyer which will be delivered to residents in the project area over the coming days.

Similar to the information drop-ins we held along our proposed route in March, we will be hosting a series of Community Information Centres in your area in mid-June. The public session in Marathon will be at the Marathon Centre Mall on Wednesday, June 13th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. We would like to invite Mayor Dumas, members of Council, you and interested staff to attend.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate the attached to Mayor Dumas, members of Council and interested staff?

Thank you!

Yours truly,



Steven Mantifel

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Township of Dorion

From: Steven.Mantifel@HydroOne.com
To: mavis@doriontownship.ca
Cc: community_relations@HydroOne.com
Subject: RE: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 22, 2018 11:57:05 AM

Good afternoon Mavis,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Township of Dorion and Reeve Ed Chambers. Hydro One recognizes the consultation that the community went through that lead to the preferred route around Shuniah, Loon Lake and Dorion, and this remains our preferred route. I look forward to continuing our discussion in Dorion on August 30th.

Kind regards,
Steven

Steven Mantifel

Manager, Special Projects
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Good afternoon Steven:

Please see attached a letter being sent on behalf of Reeve Chambers with respect to comments on the revised draft ToR for Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project.

Best Regards,

Mavis Harris | Clerk-Treasurer
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Sent: August-07-18 3:54 PM
To: mavis@doriontownship.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update

Good afternoon Ms. Harris:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Lake Superior Link project.

In addition, we have reviewed the Township's comments on the draft ToR and, where appropriate, responded and/or modified the Terms of Reference to include these. Please see the second attachment for more information.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate these to Reeve and Council?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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Lake Superior Link

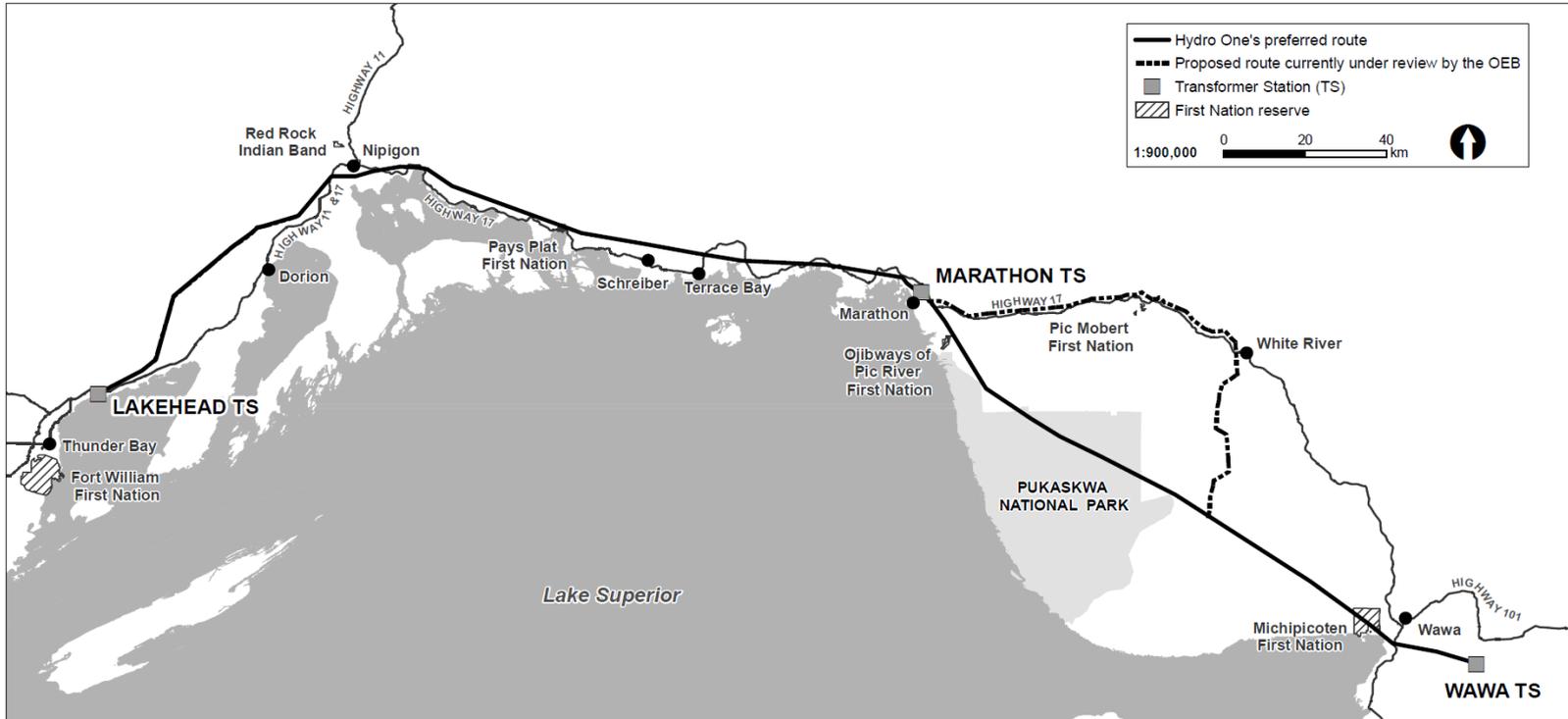
Presentation to the Municipal Council of Dorion

August 14, 2018

Project History

- ☞ On February 15, 2018 Hydro One filed a Section 92 Leave to Construct with the OEB for a new transmission facility - “**The Lake Superior Link Transmission Project**”
- ☞ Hydro One and SNC-Lavalin have formed a partnership to jointly pursue LTC of the Lake Superior Link Project.
- ☞ The Lake Superior Link project is a 400 kilometre, double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line which would primarily be built on or adjacent to Hydro One’s existing East-West Tie transmission corridor between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah, outside of Thunder Bay, and Wawa TS, just east of Wawa.
- ☞ The main difference between the proposed Hydro One/SNC-Lavalin corridor and that of NextBridge is that our proposed corridor will be:
 - Shorter in length by approximately 50km
 - Will go through Pukaskwa National Park
 - Will have fewer environmental impacts
 - Will better balance environmental and socio-economic impacts
 - Will have lower capital costs to construct
- ☞ With lower environmental impacts and capital costs compared to the recent LTC filed by NextBridge, the Hydro One/SNC-Lavalin solution is considered to offer better overall value to the Ontario electricity ratepayers.

Hydro One Route Alternative



Benefits of Hydro One's route:

- ☞ Twins the existing transmission corridor for the majority of the route
- ☞ Modifies existing infrastructure through Pukaskwa National Park
- ☞ is approximately 50km shorter
- ☞ avoids greenfield areas consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement planning objectives
- ☞ has a corridor widening that is approximately 40% narrower

- ☞ Prior to constructing the Lake Superior Link, Hydro One must seek and obtain approval from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), as described below, and other permits and approvals as required.
- ☞ Both the OEB and MECP approvals include opportunities for public and Indigenous community participation and input into the decision-making process.

OEB

Leave to Construct (S. 92 of the OEB Act, 1998)

In February 2018, Hydro One filed an application with the OEB to build, own and operate the new line. Once approved, all conditions are met and land rights acquired, Hydro One will be permitted to begin construction.

The OEB review of Hydro One's application includes provisions for public consultation, stakeholder and Indigenous participation.

MECP

Environmental Assessment (EA) approval under the *Environmental Assessment Act*

Terms of Reference (ToR) - Step 1

A ToR establishes the framework for the preparation and review of the EA. It outlines how the EA will be conducted and helps ensure that the public, Indigenous communities and government agencies know what will be considered.

EA study - Step 2

This EA study will compare Hydro One's reference route to its reference route alternative. It will consider the design alternatives, measures to avoid and minimize potential effects, identify advantages, disadvantages and net effects of the alternatives.

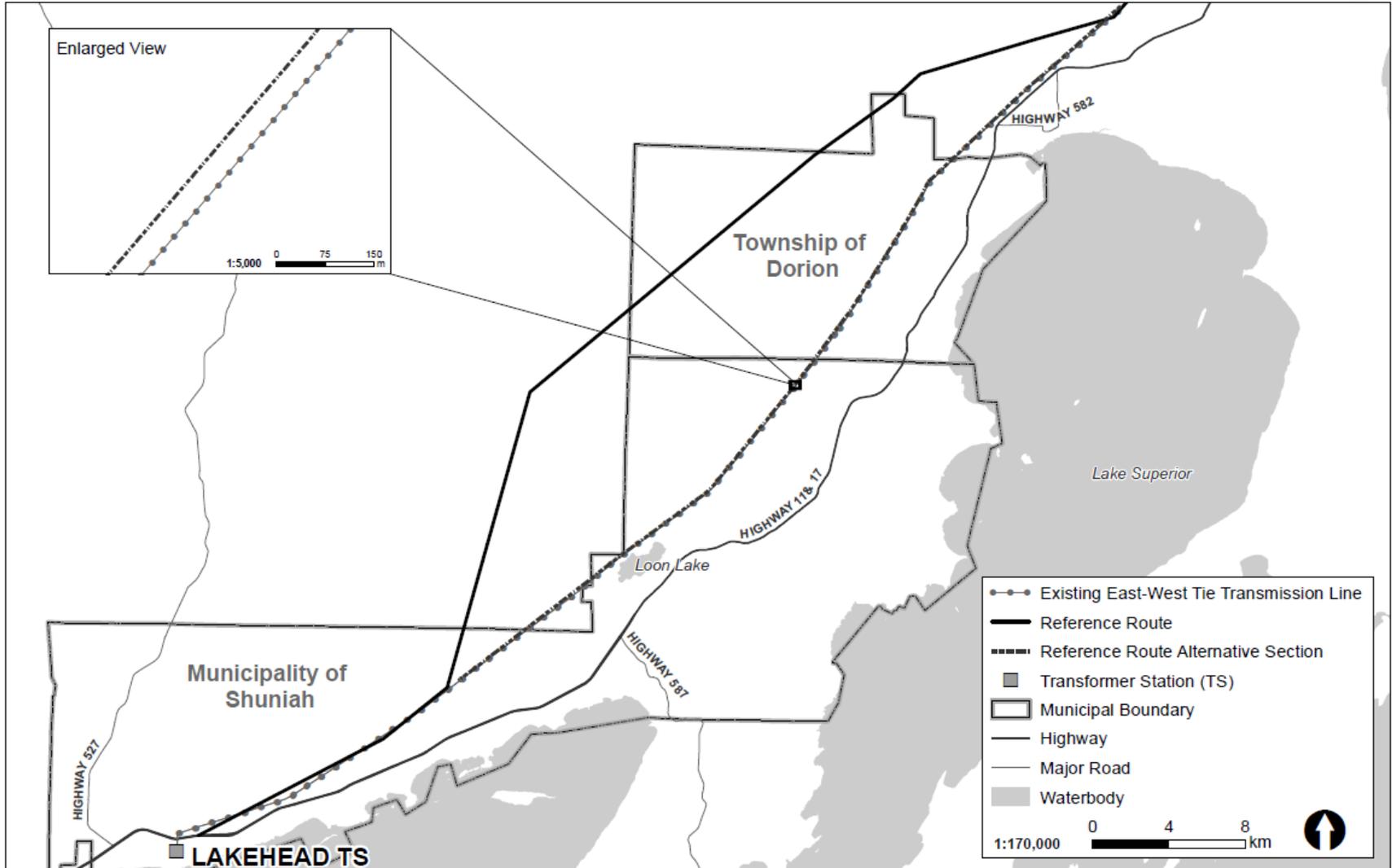
Consultation

- ☞ Hydro One has a detailed consultation plan for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project for both the Terms of Reference (Step 1) and the Environmental Assessment (Step 2)
- ☞ Community Information Centres (CICs) were held in March and June 2018 in nine communities to introduce the project and solicit input.
- ☞ CICs have been and are continued to be held in Indigenous Communities
- ☞ Hydro One published the Notice of Commencement of ToR and invitation to Community Information Centres in French and English in local publications.
- ☞ Community flyers were delivered to households in the communities.
- ☞ Radio advertisements were made publicizing the project and CICs.
- ☞ On-going meetings are being held with government agencies, Indigenous communities and interested parties.

Dorion Bypass

- ⌚ During the Draft Terms of Reference public review period Hydro One received comments directing the inclusion of a new reference route alternative through the community of Dorion.
- ⌚ The requested reference route alternative would follow the existing East-West Tie transmission line through the community.
- ⌚ Hydro One realizes the consultation efforts the community of Dorion undertook to establish the Dorion Bypass. The addition of a new reference route alternative requires Hydro One to study this option.
- ⌚ Comments on the current Draft ToR can be sent to Hydro One until August 21.
- ⌚ Following this period, Hydro One will submit a proposed ToR to MECP.
- ⌚ A Community Information Centre has been scheduled for August 30 at the Dorion Community Centre. Hydro One will be at this drop in session to discuss the project with interested community members.

Dorion Reference Route Alternative



Project Schedule

- Begin Desktop Studies
- Q4 2017

- Begin Field Studies
- Q1 2018

- Stakeholder, Indigenous & Community Consultation
- Q1 2018

- Terms of Reference Approval
- Q3 2018

- Environmental Assessment Approval
- Q3 2019

- Obtain Environmental Permits for Construction
- Q3 2019

- In Service
- Q4 2021



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Questions?

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As requested.

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From: Melissa.Fast@HydroOne.com <Melissa.Fast@HydroOne.com>
Sent: August-10-18 9:50 AM
To: mavis@doriontownship.ca
Subject: RE: Request for deputation from Hydro One

Hi Mavis,

Are you able to share the agenda with us for next week's Council meeting?

Thank you,
Melissa Fast

From: Mavis [<mailto:mavis@doriontownship.ca>]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 9:24 AM
To: FAST Melissa
Subject: FW: Request for deputation from Hydro One

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Hi Melissa:

My apologies for not sending this directly to your email, hope that it was forwarded to you accordingly.

Best Regards,

Mavis Harris | Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Dorion

170 Dorion Loop Road

Dorion, ON P0T 1K0

mavis@doriontownship.ca | www.doriontownship.ca

Telephone ~ 807-857-2289

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From: Mavis <mavis@doriontownship.ca>

Sent: August-09-18 5:01 PM

To: 'community.relations@HydroOne.com' <community.relations@HydroOne.com>

Subject: RE: Request for deputation from Hydro One

Hi Melissa:

This is to confirm that I have included your deputation on the August 14th agenda. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and there is one deputation being made prior to your presentation.

Best Regards,

Mavis Harris | Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Dorion

170 Dorion Loop Road

Dorion, ON P0T 1K0

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com <community.relations@HydroOne.com>

Sent: August-09-18 1:23 PM

To: Mavis@DorionTownship.ca

Subject: Request for deputation from Hydro One

Good afternoon

Please see the attached Request for Deputation and presentation material for the council meeting on August 14, 2018.

Thank you,

Melissa Fast

Community Relations, Hydro One

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: mavis@doriontownship.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:55:02 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Township of Dorion.pdf](#)
[20180807 Lake Superior Link Draft RoC for the Proposed ToR - Township of Dorion Comment and Responses Table.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Harris:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Lake Superior Link project.

In addition, we have reviewed the Township's comments on the draft ToR and, where appropriate, responded and/or modified the Terms of Reference to include these. Please see the second attachment for more information.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate these to Reeve and Council?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: mavis@doriontownship.ca
Subject: RE: Comments - ToR - Hydro One's Lake Superior Link EA
Date: July 17, 2018 4:34:11 PM
Attachments: [Map17-04 Lake Superior Link HydroOne Route Alternative colour English.pdf](#)

Dear Reeve Chambers,

Thank you for returning my phone call this afternoon. As we discussed today, the 'reference route' as marked on the attached map (which has been shown at our community consultations and during the webinar) is Hydro One's preferred route. We are aware of and acknowledge the level of consultation that went into the development of this route, which bypasses Dorion's more residential area.

We have received some comments on the draft Terms of Reference regarding the consideration of alternative route options. As a requirement of the Environmental Assessment process, we are currently reviewing all comments and feedback provided from a number of stakeholders. As we move forward through the process, we will keep you apprised if alternative routes are identified in your area.

Yours truly,
Stephanie Hodson
Community Relations
1-877-345-6799

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From: Mavis [<mailto:mavis@doriontownship.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:34 PM
To: COMMUNITY Relations
Subject: Comments - ToR - Hydro One's Lake Superior Link EA
Importance: High

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Attached please find comments from the Township of Dorion with respect to the Terms of Reference (ToR) for your Lake Superior Link transmission line Environmental Assessment (EA).

Best Regards,

Mavis Harris | Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Dorion
170 Dorion Loop Road

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: mavis@doriontownship.ca
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 11:55:14 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Dorion - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

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Thank you!

Yours truly,



Steven Mantifel

Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: mavis@doriontownship.ca
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[Dorion - NoC - May 28th.pdf](#)

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Township of Nipigon

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: kellyp@Nipigon.net
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:05:34 PM

Dear Mr. Paakkunainan

Hydro One Networks Inc. is in the process of finalizing a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake Superior Link project. Once complete Hydro One will submit the proposed ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act.

An electronic copy of the Proposed ToR will be provided to the township via email to this email address. In addition Hydro One will distribute one paper copy to be made available for public review at the municipal office located at: 52 Front Street, P.O. Box 160, Nipigon ON, P0T 2J0, office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

If there are needs for additional paper copies, or if the above contact information is inaccurate please notify us by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents. We can be reached via email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or telephone: 1-877-345-6799.

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Thank you,

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Hydro One

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: kellyp@nipigon.net
Cc: lindsaymannila@nipigon.net
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:58:40 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Township of Nipigon.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Mr. Paakkunainan and Mr. Mannila:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that Mr. Paakkunainan kindly circulate this to Mayor and members of Council?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: kellyp@nipigon.net
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 12:14:10 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Nipigon - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Paakkunainen:

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Manager, Special Projects

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From: Melissa.Raby@HydroOne.com
To: kellyp@nipigon.net
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[Nipigon - NoC - May 28th.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Paakkunainan:

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Township of Red Rock

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: samcameron@shawbiz.ca
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:07:16 PM

Dear Ms. Cameron

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An electronic copy of the Proposed ToR will be provided to the township via email to this email address. In addition Hydro One will distribute one paper copy to be made available for public review at the municipal office located at: 42 Salls Street, P.O. Box 447, Red Rock, ON, P0T 2P0, office hours Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If there are needs for additional paper copies, or if the above contact information is inaccurate please notify us by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents. We can be reached via email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or telephone: 1-877-345-6799.

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Thank you,

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: samcameron@shawbiz.ca; cao@shawbiz.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:59:12 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Township of Red Rock.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Gladun & Ms. Cameron:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that Ms. Cameron kindly circulate this to Mayor and members of Council?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: samcameron@shawbiz.ca
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 11:57:27 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Red Rock - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Cameron:

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: samcameron@shawbiz.ca
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[Red Rock - NoC - May 28th.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Cameron:

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Township of Schreiber

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: treasurer@schreiber.ca
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:13:38 PM

Dear Ms. Bottomley:

Hydro One Networks Inc. is in the process of finalizing a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake Superior Link project. Once complete Hydro One will submit the proposed ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act.

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If there are needs for additional paper copies, or if the above contact information is inaccurate please notify us by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents. We can be reached via email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or telephone: 1-877-345-6799.

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: treasurer@schreiber.ca; cao@schreiber.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 3:59:52 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Township of Schreiber.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Mr. McArthur & Ms. Bottomley:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that Ms. Bottomley kindly circulate this to Mayor and members of Council?

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Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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Cc: treasurer@schreiber.ca
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 12:01:11 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Schreiber - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. McArthur:

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Township of Terrace Bay

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: CAO@TerraceBay.ca
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:10:27 PM

Dear Mr. Hall:

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To: cao@terracebay.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 4:00:10 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Township of Terrace Bay.pdf](#)

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Sincerely,

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To: cao@terracebay.ca
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 11:59:41 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Terrace Bay - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

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Similar to the information drop-ins we held along our proposed route in March, we will be hosting a series of Community Information Centres in your area in mid-June. The public session in Terrace Bay will be at the Terrace Bay Cultural Centre on Tuesday, June 12th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. We would like to invite Mayor Davis, members of Council, you and interested staff to attend a preview from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You are all more than welcome to stay for the public session as well.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate the attached to Mayor Davis, members of Council and interested staff?

Thank you!

Yours truly,



Steven Mantifel

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Township of White River

From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: CAO@WhiteRiver.ca
Subject: Hydro One distribution of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link project
Date: August 22, 2018 3:09:05 PM

Dear Ms. Forsyth

Hydro One Networks Inc. is in the process of finalizing a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lake Superior Link project. Once complete Hydro One will submit the proposed ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act.

An electronic copy of the Proposed ToR will be provided to the township via email to this email address. In addition Hydro One will distribute one paper copy to be made available for public review at the municipal office located at 102 Durham Street, PO Box 307, White River, ON P0M 3G0, office hours Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If there are needs for additional paper copies, or if the above contact information is inaccurate please notify us by this Friday, August 24, 2018, to ensure time for delivery of the printed documents. We can be reached via email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or telephone: 1-877-345-6799.

The ToR is the first step in the EA process and outlines the work plan Hydro One will follow to address the requirements under the Environmental Assessment Act. If approved by the MECP, the ToR will provide the framework for the second step of the process, the preparation of the EA. Important elements of the EA will be to evaluate the alternative routes, assess potential effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

Thank you,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects
Hydro One

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From: community.relations@HydroOne.com
To: cao@whiteriver.ca
Subject: Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project - Update
Date: August 7, 2018 4:00:30 PM
Attachments: [Revised draft ToR Municipal notification Township of White River.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Ms. Forsyth:

Please see attached a notification letter that Hydro One has released a revised draft Terms of Reference for our Lake Superior Link project.

Can I ask that you kindly circulate this to Mayor and members of Council?

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Mantifel
Manager, Special Projects

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Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Date: June 11, 2018 12:08:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[White River - ToR open for comments - June 11.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Forsyth:

Hydro One recently sent you a Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Lake Superior Link transmission line Environmental Assessment (EA). The project is for a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and Wawa TS. The draft ToR document is open for review and public comment from June 11, 2018 to July 10, 2018. Please see the attached document with more information.

Thank you!

Yours truly,



Steven Mantifel

Manager, Special Projects

Corporate Affairs

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To: cao@whiteriver.ca
Subject: Update on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[White River - NoC - May 28th.pdf](#)

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Transport Canada

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: [Medved, Luka](#)
Subject: FW: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: July 5, 2018 11:13:05 AM

From: EnviroOnt [mailto:EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 10:05 AM
To: HOPPER Bruce
Subject: RE: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project

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Greetings,

Thank you for your correspondence.

Please note Transport Canada **does not** require receipt of all individual or Class EA related notifications. We are requesting project proponents to self-assess if their project:

1. Will interact with a federal property and/or waterway by reviewing the Directory of Federal Real Property, available at www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/dfrp-rbif/; **and**
2. Will require approval and/or authorization under any Acts administered by Transport Canada* available at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/menu.htm>.

Projects that will occur on federal property prior to exercising a power, performing a function or duty in relation to that project, will be subject to a determination of the likelihood of significant adverse environmental effects, per Section 67 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*.

If the aforementioned does not apply, the Environmental Assessment program should not be included in any further correspondence and future notifications will not receive a response. If there is a role under the program, correspondence should be forwarded *electronically* to:

EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca with a **brief description of Transport Canada's expected role**.

*Below is a summary of the most common Acts that have applied to projects in an Environmental Assessment context:

- **Navigation Protection Act (NPA)** – the Act applies primarily to works constructed or placed in, on, over, under, through, or across scheduled navigable waters set out under the Act. The Navigation Protection Program administers the NPA through the review and authorization of works affecting scheduled navigable waters. Information about the Program, NPA and approval process is available at: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs-621.html>. Enquiries can be directed to NPPONT-PPNONT@tc.gc.ca or by calling (519) 383-1863.

From: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com
To: NPPONT-PPNONT@tc.gc.ca
Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Notification of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Project
Date: May 28, 2018 10:34:39 AM
Attachments: [LSL NoC Agency Letter TC.pdf](#)

Hello Transport Canada,

I am emailing to notify you of the commencement of a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. Please find the attached notification letter as well as a copy of the newspaper advertisement of the public notification. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Bruce Hopper
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Comments Received on the Draft Terms of Reference

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July 6, 2018

Bruce Hopper
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Via email: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com

Dear Mr. Hopper,

Re.: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project Draft Terms of Reference

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed East-West Tie transmission line. The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines' (MENDM) Mines and Minerals Division has reviewed the information provided with respect to mine hazards, mining lands, geology and mineral resource potential. MENDM's Northern Development Division reviewed the information with respect to potential economic and development impacts and relevant local intelligence.

Regional Economic Development (Northern Development Division)

The Ministry's Regional Economic Development Branch (REDB) has been working with Supercom, a group of First Nations that have partnered with Nextbridge on their proposed East-West Tie transmission line. REDB has supported Supercom in negotiating funding through the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development for training for Supercom communities in preparation for the opportunities associated with the construction and the spin-off business development opportunities of the East-West tie development. If the Ontario Energy Board approves Hydro One's proposal the training for the communities will remain relevant. As well, the ministry expects that a partnership with Supercom would be facilitated by Hydro One. REDB would continue to support the communities' needs related to economic development and training through programming and partnerships with other ministries.

Mine Hazards (Mines and Minerals Division)

MENDM has identified 21 Abandoned Mine Information System (AMIS) sites (with 61 associated mine hazard features) under the jurisdiction of the *Mining Act* within 1 km of the study area. There are also two (2) AMIS sites (with three (3) associated AMIS features) under the jurisdiction of the *Aggregate Resources Act*. All of these sites are classified as Type C sites (see Attachment 1).

Within a 2-4 km buffer of the study area there are an additional 50 AMIS sites (with 132 associated mine hazard features) under the jurisdiction of the *Mining Act* and two (2) AMIS sites (with two (2) associated mine hazard features) under the jurisdiction of the *Aggregate Resources Act*. The classifications for these AMIS sites are listed in Table 1.

The location of the AMIS sites within the proximity of the proposed project are provided in Attachment 2 (MS-Excel document). Attachment 3 provides the ministry's AMIS disclaimer information. Known and unknown mine hazards have the potential to pose a serious risk to public safety, human health and the environment. For more information about AMIS sites please contact Ritesh Navale, Mine Hazard Technical Specialist at (705) 670-5937 or Ritesh.Navale@ontario.ca

Jurisdiction	Classification	Number of AMIS sites	Number of AMIS features
<i>Aggregate Resources Act</i> (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry)	n/a	2	2
<i>Mining Act</i> (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)	Type B	2	8
	Type C	32	96
	Type D	16	28

Table 1: AMIS site classifications within 2-4 km of project area

Mining Lands

With respect to mining lands, there are a number of dispositions within the study area (see Attachment 4). The majority of these dispositions are surface rights patents, for which the ministry has very little information for. Mining claim information can be found at the ministry's Mining Lands Administration (MLAS) map viewer: <https://www.MENDM.gov.on.ca/en/mines-and-minerals/applications/mining-lands-administration-system-mlas-map-viewer>

The ministry's review of MLAS indicates that there is an unpatented mining claim located within the proposed withdrawal area. Overall, the ministry has no objections to the withdrawal as long as the necessary consent(s) are obtained from the claim holder(s) pursuant to Section 51 of the *Mining Act*.

Surface rights on unpatented mining claim

51. (1) Except as in this Act is otherwise provided, the holder of an unpatented mining claim has the right prior to any subsequent right to the user of the surface rights, except the right to sand, peat and gravel, for prospecting and the efficient exploration, development and operation of the mines, minerals and mining rights.

Disposition of surface rights

(2) Where the holder of an unpatented mining claim consents to the disposition of surface rights under the Public Lands Act, the recorder shall make an entry on the record of the claim respecting the consent, and thereupon the surface rights may be dealt with as provided in the Public Lands Act.

Therefore the proponent must obtain consent to the dispositions of the surface rights from the claim holder and provide the ministry with such consent (form attached – Attachment 5).

Geology and Mineral Resource Potential

MENDM's Resident Geologist Program provides the following comments. From Thunder Bay to Black Sturgeon River the routes deviates north from the previously proposed route by Nextbridge. The new corridor directly impacts Panoramic Resources Ltd.'s Thunder Bay North PGM Project: <http://panoramicresources.com/thunder-bay-north-pgm-project>. Please contact the exploration company directly for comments.

From Black Sturgeon River to Wawa, the route appears to match the existing 230kV line and the previous proposal from Nextbridge. For this reason impacts on local mineral exploration will be minimal in both the negative and positive aspects.

Published reports and Mineral Deposit Inventory (and as well as AMIS records) are available for viewing or free download through the Geology Ontario portal at <http://www.geologyontario.MNDM.gov.on.ca> and OGS Earth at <https://www.MNDM.gov.on.ca/en/mines-and-minerals/applications/ogsearth>

Draft Terms of Reference

Regarding Appendix 2, "Potential effect on Mineral and aggregate resources", page 75: mining claims do not only represent "future mining operations", they represent an industry of their own, specifically the mineral exploration industry. Therefore, MENDM suggests that the rationale be "Potential effects may occur on the mineral exploration industry."

If you have any questions about MENDM's response please feel free to contact me at (705) 670-5918 or Jennifer.Paetz@Ontario.ca

Sincerely,



Jennifer Paetz, BES., MCC.
Initiatives Coordinator
Strategic Support Unit

Attachments



MINE SITE TYPE

This classification system is intended to define and provide distinctions between the different classes of abandoned mines in Ontario. The classification divides sites into three categories, which are defined by the degree of potential risk to public health, public safety and the environment.

The categories are labeled as Class A through Class D and the following can be used to loosely group these sites.

Class	Potential Concerns Regarding Receiving Environments	Potential For On Site Public Health Concerns	Potential For Serious Injury or Death to Occur
A	Yes	Yes	Yes
B	Yes, But Limited	Yes	Yes
C	Not Expected	Not Expected	Yes
D	Not Expected	Not Expected	Not Expected

The classification system is only intended as a guide. Overlaps in criteria between Class A and Class B, and Class B and Class C are to be expected.

The following table provides a general description of the potentially hazardous mine features present at mine sites relating to public health, public safety and the environment, and estimated rehabilitation costs.

Class	Common Mine Features Found On Site	Tailings
A	Deep Unprotected Openings To Surface Such As Shafts, Raises And Open Stopes. Hazardous Openings On Surface, Crown Pillars, Waste Rock Piles With ARD Concerns, Dilapidated Buildings Such As Head Frames, Mills, Shops And Dries Can Also Be Expected. Chemicals Can Include PCB's, Asbestos, Fuels, Explosives And Concentrates. Scrap Metal And Other Debris Will Also Likely Be Present.	Yes – large ponds which may or may not be contained. Former settling ponds also may be present
B	Hazardous Openings To Surface, Hazardous Openings On Surface, Waste Rock Piles And Possible Dilapidated Structures Associated With The Mine Openings.	Possible – Typically small and have limited concerns.
C	Surface Features Only Such As Trenches, Test Pits And Stripping.	None present
D		None present

NOTE: Estimated rehabilitation costs do not factor in the determination of mine site class. However, it does assist MNM staff in long term project and budget planning. In addition, the location (i.e. remoteness) of a site may have a significant impact on that site's rehabilitation costs.

Please be aware of the following regarding our AMIS data:

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Ministry Contact Information

Abandoned Mines Program

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Mine Hazards Technical Specialist



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Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

Consent to the Disposition of Surface Rights

Under the Mining Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.14 or the Public Lands Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.43

Information collected on this form is used to maintain a public record under section 51(2) of the Mining Act. Questions about this form should be directed to a Provincial Mining Recorder, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, 3rd Floor, 933 Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 6B5. Telephone number 1-888-415-9845 or (705) 670-5742.

TO THE PROVINCIAL MINING RECORDER:

RE: MINING CLAIM(S)

I/we _____, being all the recorded holders of the above-noted claims, hereby consent(s) to the disposition of the surface rights under the Public Lands Act with respect to all or part of such claims as shown outlined in red on Sketch attached hereto as Schedule A, subject to my/our maintaining prior rights to the use of the surface rights for prospecting and the efficient exploration, development and operation of the mines, minerals, and mining rights.

Table with 3 rows and 2-3 columns for signatures and dates of recorded holders and witnesses.

Note: *The witness should know the recorded holder or ask for the person's identification before signing as the witness.

This form can be signed by:

- a) the recorded holder of the claim or by the holder's agent authorized by recorded instrument in writing.
b) a corporation's authorized person, provided that either
(i) the corporation's seal is affixed to the form; or
(ii) the form contains a statement by the person that he or she has authority to bind the corporation.

Comments on the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project Environmental Assessment Draft Terms of Reference prepared by Hydro One Networks Inc. June 2018

June 22, 2018

Comments provided by:

- Courtney Irvine, *Resource Management Officer/ Impact Assessment Officer, Pukaskwa National Park*
- Marie-Claude Martel, *Impact Assessment Specialist, Natural Resource Conservation Branch, Parks Canada Agency*

Comments in **red** are direct text adjustments, comments in **green** need to be addressed.

Section 2.5.

"Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEA Act)."- Normally we refer to this as CEAA 2012.

"The Lake Superior Lake project is not considered a "designated project" as the Project does not meet the requirements as stipulated in the regulation designating physical activities, **and therefore the CEA Act does not apply.**" *This is incorrect, as Section 67 of CEAA 2012 applies to this project.*

"Although the Lake Superior Link project is not a designated project under the *CEA Act*, the Project **may will** require federal approvals or authorizations where the transmission route crosses federal lands"

The 4th paragraph is confusing. The new project vs the "maintenance" project should be more defined. I would not give detail of the renewed project as it is not the mandate of this ToR.

"Authorization for works within Pukaskwa National Park will be required from Parks Canada. Hydro One currently has a License of Occupation for its existing infrastructure and this license is currently being renewed, remaining in effect until such renewal is complete. Upgrades to **existing** infrastructure within the Park are allowable within the existing license agreement as they are not considered new development.

The completion of either a Detailed Impact Assessment will be necessary to fulfill Section 67 of the CEAA 2012 legal requirement for the section of the Reference Route which passes through Pukaskwa National Park.

~~Parks Canada has confirmed in a letter sent on 27 November 2017 that Parks Canada is prepared to continue to consider the Hydro One request in accordance with the License of Occupation, applicable laws and policies, and Indigenous consultation obligations. Additionally, mitigations would need to be identified and more information on construction impacts, as per Article 8.01 of the current License Agreement, is required, as well as completion of either a Basic or Detailed Impact Assessment under Section 67 of the CEA Act. An updated Environmental Evaluation Report was provided to Parks Canada on January 24, 2018, which satisfies the requirements of the agreement. Studies and consultation will address impacts and mitigations within the Park area and the Impact Assessment will be provided to Parks Canada per Section 67."~~

"An updated Environmental Evaluation Report was provided to Parks Canada on January 24, 2018, which satisfies the requirements of the agreement." *This is incorrect: the Environmental Evaluation Report does not currently have approval to satisfy the requirements of the new License of Occupation (review is currently ongoing), and does not satisfy the requirements of this new construction (a DIA is required).*

Section 2.7

~~"Parks Canada Agency Act"~~ **Canada National Parks Act**

Section 5.2

Also include visitors to Pukaskwa National Park

Section 5.3

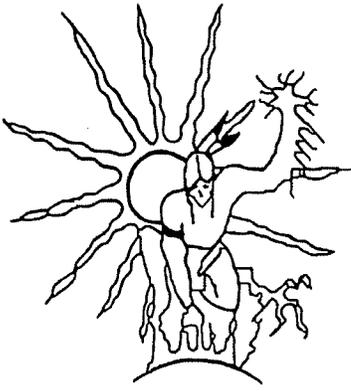
“Hydro One is committed to working closely with the Crown to ensure that the duty to consult Indigenous communities and groups is fulfilled”.

Engagement and relationship between indigenous communities and Pukaskwa National Park should be considered.

Section 7

Table 2, Natural Environment

- Geophysical structure



BIIGTIGONG NISHNAABEG

July 9, 2018
VIA EMAIL

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Re: Biigtigong Nishanaabeg's Review of the Lake Superior Link Environmental Assessment Draft Terms of Reference

Dear Steve,

In response to the Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) Notice of Commencement of the Draft Terms of Reference (Draft ToR) for the Lake Superior Link (LSL) Environmental Assessment, we are sending this letter and accompanying report to you.

The Draft ToR does not address many of the concerns of the Biigtigong Nishanaabeg (BN) community. We have numerous concerns that must be addressed through a revised Draft ToR. As the First Nation government with jurisdictional regulatory authority over our territory, we provide BN's requirements for a revised Draft ToR below.

Project Alternatives

BN Requirement 1a.

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg requires HONI to thoroughly review a "do nothing" alternative within the EA. Using a "do nothing" alternative is a normal and accepted methodology in Ontario EAs. In this case, the "do nothing" alternative would likely include the existing OEB designated NextBridge EWT project proceeding to construction and operation. The existing OEB designated NextBridge EWT project is a reasonably foreseeable project that is likely to proceed. As such, the "do nothing" alternative is a reasonable and practical component for the HONI EA.

BN Requirement 1b.

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg requires HONI to conduct an updated needs assessment for the LSL project EA, with more recent economic growth data for Northwestern Ontario, more recent

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data on the electricity needs of the mining sector in Northwestern Ontario, and transmission and generation options that include advances in distributed energy resources, and the use of such systems for providing reliable electricity to the mining sector.

Reference Route and Alternative

BN Requirement 2a.

HONI must provide First Nations including BN with a seat at the decision-making table to have meaningful input and allow for a full and complete assessment of the implications of the Project alternatives.

BN Requirement 2b.

HONI must include detailed plans on the assessment of their preferred route and how they will protect traditionally important areas to BN.

Project timelines and targeted In-service date

BN Requirement 3a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to provide a comprehensive Environmental Assessment study, while following regulatory guidelines and having sufficient time for meaningful consultation with BN and other First Nations. HONI must demonstrate how they will achieve both these goals in the tight timelines without compromising on either.

Reliability of Electricity Lines

BN Requirement 4a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to provide detailed plans on how they will ensure that existing electrical customers on the EWT line have reliability of supply during construction and maintenance of the LSL. HONI must provide proof that a twinned line will have better reliability of supply than a line on a separate corridor.

BN Requirement 4b.

HONI must commit in the ToR to provide detailed contingency plans for accidents and malfunctions and how they will limit the duration and frequency of power outages for customers on the existing EWT line.

Existing Transmission Towers

BN Requirement 5.

HONI must commit in the ToR to assessing all existing towers to ensure that they meet current and future standards for reliability and structural stability in our changing climate. HONI must provide rationale for maintaining existing structures, upgrading towers or tower replacement.

Water Body Crossings

BN Requirement 6.

HONI must perform detailed assessments of water quality at each water body crossing during baseline conditions. All waterbody crossings must have at minimum an assessment of the baseline conditions for water quality including temperature, dissolved oxygen, total suspended sediments, conductivity, nutrients and metals. This data should then be used during construction monitoring to determine exceedances to baseline water quality and when to implement contingency measures.

Water Quantity Maintenance (flows)

BN Requirement 7a.

HONI needs to complete sufficient baseline studies of all potential water body crossings along the reference route to give BN assurance that indicators of impacts will be detected during construction or that existing exceedance can be mitigated for.

BN Requirement 7b.

An assessment of the flow regime including mean annual flow must also be completed at each watercourse crossing.

Water Courses

BN Requirement 8a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to provide a good characterization and understanding of the fish and fish habitat along the Project Footprint to ensure that important fish species to BN are protected and their habitat is not compromised. Fish surveys are needed to locate critical fish habitat as well as fish presence and assemblages This is especially important within the Pukaskwa National Park where no recent surveying has been completed.

BN Requirement 8b.

HONI must commit in the ToR to complete fish habitat surveys to determine fish presence in and around (upstream and downstream) of crossings and using the information to determine the crossing structures and potential mitigation measures.

BN Requirement 8c.

HONI must commit in the ToR to an Environmental Protection Plan that integrates the fish habitat survey results and mitigation measures being added to the Plan based on the field surveys.

Tower Locations in Environmentally Significant Areas

BN Requirement 9.

HONI must commit in the ToR to avoid placing transmission towers in PSWs, ANSIs, ESAs and in areas of traditional importance to BN.

Riparian Buffers

BN Requirement 10a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to using guidelines for riparian buffers based on slope, such as the MNRF Guide for Conserving Biodiversity at the Stand and Site Scales to protect adjacent waterbodies, at a minimum.

BN Requirement 10b.

HONI must commit in the ToR to limit removal of existing riparian buffers along the Project Footprint.

BN Requirement 10c.

HONI must commit in the ToR to restore disturbed riparian buffers as soon as possible and look for opportunities to improve marginal riparian buffers where possible along the Project Footprint.

Water Body Crossings Structures

BN Requirement 11.

HONI must commit in the ToR to providing detailed analysis on the crossing structures and flow needs of each water body crossing to determine how flow hydraulics and connectivity will be maintained.

Completion of Baseline Studies

BN Requirement 12a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to complete all necessary baseline studies for the entire study area to show their due diligence and gain a full understanding of both the existing environmental conditions and the resulting potential effects. This will ensure that HONI is taking responsibility of the Project and its effects by ensuring that baseline data is sufficient, reliable, scientifically sound, and protective of the environment. These studies need to be thorough and multi-seasonal to account for natural temporal variability in species presence and identifiability.

BN Requirement 12b.

HONI must commit in the ToR to completing any mammal surveys beyond winter aerial surveys, and define which species the intended aerial surveys will be evaluating.

BN Requirement 12c.

HONI must commit in the ToR to incorporating traditional knowledge and traditional ecological knowledge in their baseline studies in order to determine the full extent of Project effects.

BN Requirement 12d.

HONI must commit in the ToR to involving First Nations communities in the execution of environmental baseline studies and fieldwork.

Access to Remote Areas

BN Requirement 13a.

HONI must identify if new helipads will need to be created to accommodate this work, or if existing infrastructure can be used. In either case, HONI must complete thorough baseline studies in and around the areas for identified aerial works to ensure that no species of significance (both vegetative and wildlife), significant wetlands, or sensitive habitat areas will be disturbed. Appropriate setback distances and timing restrictions will need to be applied.

BN Requirement 13b.

If helicopter work is to occur as part of the Project's ongoing operation and maintenance, HONI must commit to ensuring that no fuelling or mechanical maintenance activities will occur in or around the helipads located in Pukaskwa National Park.

BN Requirement 13c.

HONI will need to undertake vegetation management practices in order to maintain helipads for safe operations. HONI must identify, through a full Vegetation Management Program, how they intend to manage vegetation growth in these remote areas.

Vegetation Management

BN Requirement 14a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to indicating the anticipated spatial extent of vegetation clearing for construction, and if it is in excess of the proposed 37-46m wide ROW. They must also indicate the extent that such site preparation is expected to occur within Pukaskwa National Park.

BN Requirement 14b.

HONI must commit in the ToR to completing baseline field surveys to ensure that vegetation clearing and site preparation activities will not negatively impact any ecological sensitive areas, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and species-at-risk.

BN Requirement 14c.

HONI indicates that some construction activities will be staged to minimize potential environmental effects, such as avoiding clearing of vegetation during migratory bird nesting season. HONI must commit in the ToR to avoiding clearing of vegetation during bat hibernation and maternity roosting period, amphibian breeding and hibernation periods, and turtle nesting periods.

BN Requirement 14d.

HONI must commit in the ToR to explore alternative vegetation management practices, as part of the “alternative method” section of the ToR, to implement during all project phases to avoid the use of herbicides. HONI must also commit in the ToR to no aerial spraying herbicides on or off the ROW.

Environmentally Significant Areas**BN Requirement 15.**

HONI must commit in the ToR to identify if there are any provincially significant wetlands or environmentally sensitive areas within the Project area and identify appropriate mitigation measures and monitoring programs to ensure that these significant areas are appropriately protected. Wetlands in and around the proposed transmission route should be delineated and evaluated using the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System.

Species at Risk**BN Requirement 16a.**

HONI must commit in the ToR to indicating how they intend on collecting and verifying unpublished information and personal communications that will be used to compile known incidences of species at risk.

BN Requirement 16b.

Desktop studies are not sufficient for determining the presence of species at risk in the Project area, and as such HONI must commit in the ToR to including species at risk surveys as part of their baseline field studies.

BN Requirement 16c.

HONI must commit in the ToR to indicating their proposed process for screening locations based on presence/absence of species at risk within the study area that could be directly affected by construction activities.

Acoustic Disturbances

BN Requirement 17a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to conducting baseline noise surveys in ecologically sensitive and remote areas (including Pukaskwa National Park and known habitat for sensitive birds and wildlife) that will be near construction and maintenance activities.

BN Requirement 17b.

HONI must commit in the ToR to restricting noise activities near identified habitat areas during active bat maternity roosting periods, migratory bird nesting periods, amphibian breeding periods, turtle nesting periods, and ungulate calving periods.

Human Health and Environmental Risk Assessment

BN Requirement 18a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to avoiding the use of aerial spraying of pesticides and herbicides during construction and line maintenance.

BN Requirement 18b.

HONI must commit in the ToR to include a country foods assessment and human health risk assessment in their EA studies and include input from First Nations, including BN.

Environmental Monitoring and Employment Opportunities

BN Requirement 19a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to consider preferential hiring of First Nations members for positions as Environmental Monitors or 'Guardians', to ensure that BN's traditional territories and traditional environmental values are being monitored.

BN Requirement 19b.

HONI must commit in the ToR to establishing a bi-lateral agreement to provide support, capacity and training for BN to be involved in the environmental aspects of the EA, and the Project, at all phases.

BN Requirement 19c.

HONI must commit in the ToR establish and provide capacity for a First Nation Environmental Management Committee with BN and other First Nations, as soon as possible in the EA process, and certainly by the next version of the Draft ToR. This Committee would ensure First Nation oversight for all environmental issues, would have direct access to review and comment on any environmental reports and regulatory applications and approvals, and would have decision-making authority with respect to the environmental practices of HONI throughout the life of the project.

Field Monitoring Studies

BN Requirement 20a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to performing field monitoring studies throughout all Project phases, including during the EA, to ensure that all ecologically sensitive and significant features are identified, protected, and if necessary, remediated. These studies need to be performed directly by HONI, in collaboration with BN, for *all* Project areas, not just in areas that haven't been previously investigated by other proponents. These studies must be field based for all indicators to collect the most up to date and accurate information and subsequently develop the most appropriate mitigation measures and monitoring programs.

BN Requirement 20b.

HONI must commit in the ToR that it will provide funding and support for members of Indigenous communities must be part of the field monitoring teams, as third-party monitoring technicians or "Environmental Guardians", during the EA and for all other project monitoring activities, to provide important cultural insight to the monitoring activities, to ensure that significant environmental features are being considered and adequately protected, and to act as a third party environmental compliance body.

Construction Monitoring Plans

BN Requirement 21a.

Monitoring prior to, during and post- construction are necessary to determine the effects of the Project in the local and regional area. HONI must commit in the ToR to doing environmental monitoring during all phases of the Project to understand impacts of the Project on the environment, and develop and implement appropriate mitigation measures and contingency plans.

BN Requirement 21b.

Once baseline conditions have been studied, monitoring construction must be completed to ensure that mitigation measures are working properly and the water bodies are not being negatively impacted by the construction. HONI must commit in the ToR for that construction monitoring activities must include Biigtigong Nishnaabeg member involvement as Environmental Monitors or Guardians.

BN Requirement 21c.

HONI must commit in the ToR for Biigtigong Nishnaabeg member involvement third-party monitoring technicians, sometimes referred to as "Environmental Guardians", and provided training and capacity from the Proponent for involvement during the EA and all project phases.

First Nation Lands and Federal Lands

BN Requirement 22a.

HONI must commit in the ToR to engaging Biigtigong Nishnaabeg in all its meetings with Parks Canada with regard to the renewal process for HONI's License of Occupation in relation to BN's assertion of Aboriginal Title and its comprehensive land claim over its traditional territory.

BN Requirement 22b.

HONI must commit in the ToR to engaging Biigtigong Nishnaabeg in all meetings with Parks Canada with respect to HONI's apparent assertion that the LSL project is limited to "upgrades to infrastructure" within Pukaskwa National Park that are "not considered new development" under the existing HONI License of Occupation, or any future License of Occupation.

Socio Economic and Cultural Environment

BN Requirements 23a.

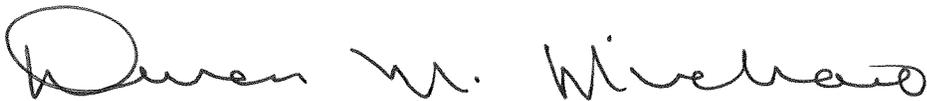
Biigtigong Nishnaabeg has requested a thorough archeology assessment and traditional knowledge study be completed prior to any work to be done on the existing infrastructure through Pukaskwa Park. This assessment was never meaningfully done on the original line and given BN's historic ties to the land within and around Pukaskwa, we feel this is necessary. BN would also like to utilize an archaeologist of their choosing.

BN Requirements 23b.

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg have asserted aboriginal title on the traditional lands for which the Lake Superior Link Transmission Line is proposed. Because of this fact, HONI should acknowledge that the relationship between HONI and BN is unique and that the development of a Consultation Agreement is necessary for meaningful consultation.

As the LSL is in the early stages of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, it is important that HONI provide BN with an understanding and commitment to ensuring the Project will be properly scoped, planned, monitored, fiscally responsible and that BN will be properly consulted and accommodated through the life of the line. The above BN requirements will provide some measure of assurance to our First Nation that this will be the case.

Sincerely,



Chief Duncan Michano

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Steven Mantifel
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Re. Comment on Draft Terms of Reference for Hydro One's Lake Superior Link

Dear Steven,

With respect to comments on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) document, the Township of Dorion would like to reiterate that it is in full support of the reference route outlined in Figure 3 – Reference route (solid red line) – Hydro One Networks Inc. – Lake Superior Link Transmission Project, which has minimal impact on the residents of the community.

After several meetings with Nextbridge, the proposed route was changed from passing through the residential portion of our community, to an area near Ouimet Canyon Provincial Park.

We have been informed during one of your Public Information Centres, during a webinar with our Township, in newspaper articles and notices and on a map in the Terms of Reference, that Hydro One will follow this route.

We would appreciate if this route could be confirmed.

Yours truly,

TOWNSHIP OF DORION

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Dear Mr. Hopper,

Thank you for providing Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) with an opportunity to provide comments on the June 2018 draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for Hydro One's Lake Superior Link transmission line Environmental Assessment (EA). ECCC is providing these comments in the context of our mandate and responsibility for migratory birds wherever they occur, and for terrestrial species at risk found on federal lands.

In Section 6. Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area (page 51 of the draft ToR), it is explained that Hydro One will use the information from the East-West Tie EA where there is an overlap of study area. This section goes on to advise that Hydro One has performed a gap analysis to identify where there is a need to verify or collect data to complete the existing environmental description, and field studies are underway to fill in the identified gaps. To complement the gap analysis and work being undertaken as a result, ECCC recommends that Hydro One complete the necessary environmental field studies in relation to migratory birds and species at risk that have not been completed by NextBridge, in particular with respect to the First Nation reserve lands (specifically Pays Plat and Michipicoten First Nations) being crossed by the project. We further suggest that the environmental assessment requirements committed to in Table 1 – EA and ToR Requirements (page 18 of the draft ToR), that include providing a detailed description of the environment to be affected by the project, identification and assessment of any effects to the environment, and addressing any effects through prevention, change or mitigation, be conducted and documented for those portions of the project that cross First Nation reserve lands. We also note that in Appendix 2 – List of Preliminary Criteria and Indicators, it is important to include engagement of the First Nation communities as a data source where appropriate.

On page 21 of the ToR, in Section 2.5 - *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, it is mentioned that the Project may require federal approvals or authorizations where the transmission route crosses federal lands. Please be advised that a permit may be required from ECCC under the *Species at Risk Act* for the works occurring the First Nation reserve lands. It is further stated on page 21 that the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) does not apply to the project, as it is not

considered a designated project. However, further down it is acknowledged CEEA 2012 does apply as Parks Canada will require "completion of either a Basic or Detailed Impact Assessment under Section 67 of the CEA Act" ECCC advises that Section 67 of CEEA 2012 would also apply should the project require ECCC to issue a SARA permit, and will also be required by Indigenous Services Canada to support their authorization for the use of First Nation reserve lands.

It is also stated in Section 7 – Effects Evaluation and Mitigation, on page 62, that "the EA will recommend pre- and post-operational monitoring programs designed to verify effects prediction, the effectiveness of mitigation measures and the need for any remedial measures, should they be necessary". ECCC wishes to stress the importance that these monitoring programs, once developed, focus on the individual species as well as the surrounding landscape.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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Subject: Hydro One Networks Inc. -Lake Superior Link Project -Terms of Reference open for comments

Dear Mr. Dobos,

Please find attached a letter and draft Terms of Reference in relation to Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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July 13, 2018 (EMAIL ONLY)

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**RE: Lake Superior Link Project – Hydro One Networks Inc.
Notice of Commencement and Draft Terms of Reference
MTCS file no. 0009046**

Dear Bruce Hopper:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) with the Notice of Commencement for your project. For this undertaking, it is the mandate of MTCS, under the *Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)*, to conserve, protect and preserve Ontario's cultural heritage, including:

- Archaeological resources;
- Built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and,
- Cultural heritage landscapes.

Under the EA process, a determination of the project's potential impact on these cultural heritage resources is required.

Archaeological Resources

This Draft Terms of Reference states that a Stage 1 and 2 archaeological assessment (AA) will be conducted for this EA by an *OHA* licensed archaeologist and the AA report forwarded to MTCS for review. Thank-you for committing to this assessment: we will be notified by our Archaeology Programs Unit when the report has been received, although we would appreciate direct confirmation that it has been submitted. The archaeological assessments should be completed as soon as possible in the EA process as their results may impact project design.

Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

The MTCS [Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes](#) should be completed to help determine whether your EA project may impact cultural heritage resources. The Clerks for the municipalities encompassing the project can provide information on property registered or designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, while staff at the respective First Nations and Pukaskwa National Park can advise on any such resources within their portion of the proposed corridor.

If your EA project may impact known or potential cultural heritage resources, preparation by a qualified heritage consultant of a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) will determine their cultural heritage value or interest, and Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) address how any impacts by the project will be mitigated. Our Ministry's [Info Sheet #5: Heritage Impact Assessments and Conservation Plans](#) outlines the scope of HIAs. Please send the HIA to MTCS and the local municipalities for review, and make it available to local organizations or individuals who have expressed interest in heritage.

Environmental Assessment Reporting

HIA and AA reports and their recommendations are part of the EA project. The environmental study report should document and summarize any determinations that no cultural heritage resources are impacted and no technical studies are warranted as part of the EA process. MTCS is in no way liable if the information in the completed checklists is found to be inaccurate or incomplete.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference

4.4 (Reference Route and Reference Route Alternative)

Replace “archaeological resources, built heritage” with “cultural heritage resources” as the term “cultural heritage resources” comprises archaeology, built heritage, and cultural heritage landscapes.

6.2.1 (Cultural Heritage Environment)

Please clarify the specific studies for cultural heritage evaluation to be undertaken referenced (i.e. Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (CHAR) or Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER)). Reference is currently made to “cultural heritage studies” and “a background historical study”. It should be noted that technical cultural heritage studies (such as CHAR, CHERs and/or HIAs) should be completed by a qualified person. The technical studies shall be submitted to MTCS and the local municipalities for review and comment.

Should additionally state that archaeological assessment should be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the *OHA*, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MTCS for review.

We recommend that a response protocol be developed with relevant aboriginal groups to manage any accidental discovery of archaeological and/or human remains. We also suggest that First Nations and Métis be consulted for information on any archaeological, built heritage and cultural heritage landscape resources in the study area.

7.2.2 (Effects on the Cultural Environment)

The Archaeological Assessment should be undertaken as soon as possible as its results should be incorporated into the EA report, in addition to the results of any further stages of Archaeological Assessment as needed. The Archaeological Assessments should be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the *OHA*, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MTCS for review.

Consistent use of terminology should be followed throughout the Terms of Reference. The term “cultural heritage resources” comprises archaeology, built heritage, and cultural heritage landscapes, and are formalized in provincial legislation, regulations, guidelines, and the Provincial Policy Statement 2014. For clarity, we suggest that this terminology is used.

Revise the first bullet to include archaeological sites and areas of archaeological potential.

Section 6.2.1 of the TOR states that Stage 1 and 2 archaeological assessments are planned while Section 7.2.2 states only that a Stage 1 will be undertaken. Please clarify the commitment and ensure consistency.

“Cultural and heritage assessments” should be revised to identify the specific studies that are being referenced (i.e. Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (CHAR) or Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER)) to document baseline information about the existing conditions and preliminary impact assessment. These reports may additionally recommend that Heritage Impact Assessments be undertaken. It should be noted that technical cultural heritage studies (such as CHAR, CHERs and/or HIAs) should be completed by a qualified person. The technical studies shall be submitted to MTCS and the local municipalities for review and comment.

The TOR should commit that all technical heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into EA project.

Appendix 2 – List of Preliminary Criteria and Indicators

Under the Socio-economic Environment heading, a section should be included under Features Considered for Cultural Heritage Resources. Appropriate Indicators, Rationale and Data Sources should be included, following the commitments made Section 7.2 of the Terms of Reference.

Thank-you for circulating MTCS on this project: please continue to do so through the EA process, and contact me for any questions or clarification.

Sincerely,

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Disclaimer: The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport reserves the right to review projects for their potential to impact archaeological, built heritage and cultural heritage landscape resources, and recommend that archaeological and/or heritage impact assessments be undertaken.

Please notify MTCS if archaeological resources are impacted by EA project work. All activities impacting archaeological resources must cease immediately, and a licensed archaeologist is required to carry out a determination of their nature and significance.

If human remains are encountered, all activities must cease immediately and the local police be contacted as well as the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ministry of Consumer Services must be contacted. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, MTCS should also be notified to ensure that the site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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SUBJECT: Draft Terms of Reference – Lake Superior Link Project

Dear Mr. Hopper:

Thank you for providing our Ministry with the opportunity to review the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Lake Superior Link project dated June 11, 2018.

In response to your request, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has not completed a full review and will not be providing comments toward the Draft ToR beyond this letter. Our Ministry looks forward to commencing a review of the project once a formal review process is initiated by Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

MNRF has completed a preliminary review of the Draft ToR for the Lake Superior Link project and would like to advise Hydro One Networks Inc. to consider the following when developing their ToR and subsequent Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA):

- A full consideration of alternatives assessment and rationale for current route selection; specifically in the Dorion Area/Loon Lake greenfield route.
- Understanding of the origin for the current route selection as presented as well as alternative analysis completed.
- Complete understanding of the criteria and indicators used to complete alternatives analysis for all project infrastructure/impacts.
- Avoidance and protection considerations of known values of significant interest and protected areas and understanding of site specific mitigation measures.
- MNRF strongly recommends the submission of a data share agreement application to help inform values of interest considerations within the ToR and IEA development for the Lake Superior Link project.

MNRF also encourages Hydro One to review publically available reports and comments related to similar proposed projects in this study area to inform the preparation of the ToR.

MNRF looks forward to future discussions with Hydro One Networks Inc. on your project.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter you may direct your inquiries to Chantal Chauvin at phone: (705) 235-1191, email: chantal.chauvin@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,



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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Comments

Proposal: Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project

Proponent: Hydro One Networks Inc

Comment #	Reference to ToR Report	Comments & Rationale	Proposed Action/Solution
Antonia Testa, Special Project Officer, Environmental Assessment and Permission Branch			
1.	General	<p>Supporting documentation is needed to confirm or validate any statements or conclusions made in the draft ToR.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.3.2 of the ministry's Code of Practice, it is the ministry's expectation that:</p> <p>Information contained in the supporting documentation should support Hydro One's proposal by providing justification for the choices made, outline other processes or initiatives which provides the rationale, and details of processes or methods used. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a more detailed description of the problem or opportunity that prompted the proposed study; • more information and details about studies or events that triggered the Hydro One's involvement with the proposed study; and • further background information supporting the selection of alternatives for further study. 	<p>Supporting documentation (i.e. letters, assessments, reports etc.) should accompany the final ToR to confirm or validate any statements or conclusions made in the ToR.</p>

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		<p>Any supporting documentation provides more detailed information that will assist the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and other persons in understanding the planning process that Hydro One carried out in order to arrive at the proposal.</p> <p>Reference to the part of the ToR which is being explained in more detail should be made. Likewise, the ToR should reference the supporting documentation.</p>	
2.	General	<p>No Record of Consultation was provided with the draft ToR for the ministry's review.</p> <p>A Record of Consultation is needed to describe the consultation carried out during the preparation of the ToR and the results of that consultation. It will be considered by the Minister in making the decision about whether to approve the ToR.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.3.1 of the ministry's Code of Practice, it is the ministry's expectation that the Record of Consultation will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify all persons consulted during the ToR preparation (personal names not required) and how they were identified; 	A Record of Consultation must accompany the final ToR.

Comment #	Reference to ToR Report	Comments & Rationale	Proposed Action/Solution
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the consultation activities which took place (methods, schedule of events, notification that was given about the activity and materials used); • Describe how Indigenous communities were identified and how they were consulted; • Clearly and accurately summarize the comments made by all interested persons during the preparation of the ToR; • Describe Hydro One's response and how concerns were considered in the development of the ToR; • Describe any outstanding concerns; • Include minutes of any meetings held with interested persons; • Include copies of written comments received from interested persons. <p>It is also the ministry's expectation that Hydro One will present a summary of the comments received and its responses to those comments in a table. As appropriate, the table should note where in the ToR the comment has been addressed. Comments from the general public should be arranged by type (for example, put all water quality comments together). For the Government Review Team and Indigenous communities,</p>	

Comment #	Reference to ToR Report	Comments & Rationale	Proposed Action/Solution
		the comments should be organized by agency and community rather than by issue type.	
3.	General	No executive summary was provided in the draft ToR.	Please include an executive summary at the beginning of the final ToR document.
4.	General	The ministry is no longer referred to as the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.	All references to the ministry should be changed to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.
5.	General	<p>In accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the EA should attempt to examine the interrelationships between the undertaking and its alternatives with a changing climate over time.</p> <p>The proponent should also consider whether there could be environmental effects resulting from effects of the proposal combined with effects of other past and future undertakings.</p> <p>As such, please include a commitment in the ToR that specifies the EA will consider climate change (adaptation and mitigation) and cumulative effects in the evaluation and assessment of alternatives and the preferred undertaking.</p> <p>To facilitate this assessment and evaluation, refer to the ministry's guide "Consideration of Climate Change in Environmental Assessment in Ontario" and the federal document "Cumulative Effects Assessment</p>	Revise text accordingly. Please include this commitment in the appropriate corresponding sections of the ToR document (i.e. Section 4.5 and 7 of this draft ToR).

Comment #	Reference to ToR Report	Comments & Rationale	Proposed Action/Solution
		Practitioners' Guide".	
6.	Section 1, page 10	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph:</p> <p>"The first key step of the EA process is the preparation of a ToR"</p> <p>"Hydro One will prepare the EA in accordance with the framework laid out in the ToR document and in accordance with..."</p>	Revised text accordingly.
7.	Section 1.1, page 10	What are the three separate entities (i.e. Ontario Power Generation, Hydro One, and the IESO) responsible for and/or what are their mandates?	Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.
8.	Section 1.1, page 10	<p>The three bullets points are confusing. Why is the bullet format used for these points?</p> <p>Need more context with these bullets in order to provide more clarity. For instance:</p> <p>Does the IPSP refer to the 20 year energy plan? Clarify how they are related? Who and/or how was the government given discretion to determine further supply mix? What does "supply mix" mean? Define the term OEB. What is their responsibility and/or mandate? How do they fit into the overall project/process?</p>	Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.
9.	Section 1.1, page 11	Provide more information on the IPSP and/or 20 year energy plan (2007). What was its focus, goals, targets etc.?	Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.

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10.	Section 1.1, page 11	What does the Framework for Transmission Project Development Plans discuss in regards to the development and/or planning of transmission projects?	Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.
11.	Section 1.2, page 11	<p>Please clarify what activities/processes have been completed regarding upgrades to the associated transformer station infrastructure.</p> <p>Why were these upgrades not included as part of this environmental assessment project?</p> <p>The discussion regarding the upgrades to the associated transformer station infrastructure should be provided in Section 4 of this ToR document.</p>	Revise text accordingly. Please include a description of the work done regarding the transmission stations and justification and rationale for conducting this work independently of this environmental assessment project.
12.	Section 1.2, general	<p>Please avoid any direct references to NextBridge or the NextBridge EA project. If necessary, NextBridge should be referred to as the “designated electricity transmitter”.</p> <p>Please avoid direct comparisons to the NextBridge EA project. For example: “as compared to the NextBridge proposal... Lake Superior Link project... has a lower estimated cost, a smaller environmental footprint...”</p> <p>Also avoid any subjective comments regarding the NextBridge EA project. For instance: “In response to the concerns... Hydro One is proposing its East-West Tie</p>	Revise text accordingly. Please remove references to NextBridge or the NextBridge EA project. Please remove any comparisons or subjective comments regarding the NextBridge EA project.

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		Line project, called "Lake Superior Link", to protect the interests of the public and ratepayers."	
13.	Section 1.2, general	Provide more information on the current/ existing East-West Tie transmission corridor. What does it currently consist of? How old is the infrastructure? etc.	Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.
14.	Section 1.2, general	<p>A better summary of the past provincial analysis and decision regarding the need and/or justification for the project is required.</p> <p>The description of the historical events related to the proposed expansion of the East-West Tie corridor is confusing and too vague. This information should be presented in a clear and comprehensive chronological summary of events.</p> <p>More information, detail and context are needed in order to fully understand and to justify the need for the project. For instance, provide more detail and context regarding the LTEP. What is the LTEP? Why was it updated? What is its focus, goals, key elements etc.?</p> <p>Also, provide more information for each of the bullet points on page 12. For instance, for bullet number 2, what does it mean to be the "designated electricity transmitter"? How does OEB decide who is designated and who is not? Can more than one proponent</p>	<p>Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p> <p>Please provide supporting documentation to confirm and validate the information provided in the bullet points (See Comment #1).</p> <p>Supporting documentation (i.e. letters, assessment, reports etc.) should establish the need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity transmission. For instance, summarize documents that established the need specifically in northern Ontario • The project. For instance, summarize in detail the analysis and reporting that has been undertaken (to date) regarding the need for the project in northern Ontario.

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		<p>be designated?</p> <p>Lastly referring to a summary of the “East-West Tie project” is confusing because there is currently another EA project with the same name. It would be better to frame it as the summary of the proposed expansion of the East-West Tie corridor.</p>	
15.	Section 1.4, general	<p>This section must clearly state what the purpose is for the study and for the undertaking.</p> <p>What does Hydro One wish to achieve by engaging in the environmental assessment process? Why does Hydro One need to do this particular undertaking? What is the particular problem to be solved or alleviated? What is the opportunity which is to be pursued?</p> <p>If the need for the project has been satisfied and established by a defined planning process, then that needs to be clearly presented in the ToR and the associated supporting documentation must be provided (See Comments #1 and #14)</p>	Revise text accordingly. Please provide supporting documentation to confirm and validate the information provided (See Comment #1 and #14).
16.	Section 1.5, general	<p>To improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, the following organizational changes to the ToR document are recommended:</p> <p>“Taken together, The ToR document is</p>	Revise ToR document accordingly.

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		<p>organized into the following sections of the ToR are intended in order to satisfy the requirements under Section 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) of the EA Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory Framework for the Project (Section 2) • Overview of the EA Process and Approval Requirements for the Project Indication of how the EA will be Prepared (Section 3) • Description of the Undertaking and Evaluation of Alternative Methods (Section 4) • Consultation (Section 5) • Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area (Section 5) • Identification and Evaluation of Alternative Methods (Section 6) • Potential Environmental Effects Evaluation Assessment and Mitigation Measures (Section 7) • Commitments and Monitoring (Section 8) • Consultation (Section 9)" 	
17.	Section 2, general	To improve clarity and flow of this section of ToR document, it is recommended this section be organized first by a discussion of the provincial regulatory framework, and then followed by the discussion of the federal regulatory framework.	Revise this section accordingly.
18.	Section 2, page 15	The first paragraph of this section discusses	Revise this section and text accordingly.

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		<p>other permits and approval activities and applications. To improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it is recommended this paragraph be moved to Section 2.6 which discusses other relevant provincial legislation, permits and policies.</p> <p>The first paragraph refers to the construction phase; however it is suggested to keep the discussion of other permits and approval activities more general.</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph:</p> <p>“Hydro One will identify all necessary approvals that may be required during project planning and construction. Where practical appropriate, Hydro One will begin preparation of construction-related applications initiate other permit and approval activities and applications concurrent with the EA process. It will be necessary to initiate some permit and approval activities or applications during the EA process including any required consultation activities with members of the public, municipalities, agencies, and Indigenous communities and groups. It should be noted that some other permits and approvals for construction typically rely on more detailed engineering and design</p>	

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		information than is available during the EA process. In this event, Hydro One will carry out required studies necessary to support those approvals prior to start of construction, following the completion of the EA. The following sections outline the framework for regulatory approvals in Ontario for electricity transmission projects and how they apply to the Project.”	
19.	Section 2.1, page 15	Please specify that this undertaking is a Category C project under the Electricity Regulation (O.Reg 116)	Revise text accordingly. Please provide additional information on how the project is captured under O.Reg 116.
20.	Section 2.1, page 15	To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the third paragraph of Section 2.1: “Hydro One is required to complete and submit a ToR to the MOECC for review and approval as illustrated on Figure 2. The purpose of the ToR is to provide the overall study framework for the planning and decision making process that will be followed during the EA...”	Revise text accordingly.
21.	Section 2.1, page 17	To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph on this page: “Should the ToR be approved by the Minister of the Environment of Climate Change Conservation and Parks , it will be used by Hydro One to guide the completion of the EA to ensure that it meets the intent fulfills the requirements of the EA Act and any other applicable requirements . The results of the	

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		<p>EA process will then be documented in an EA Report to be submitted to the MOECC MECP for review and approval.</p> <p>There are two key documentation requirements for the an an application for approval to proceed with an undertaking under subsection 5(1) of the EA Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development, submission, review and approval of the ToR; and, • the preparation, submission, review and approval of the EA document in accordance with the framework set out in the MOECC MECP approved ToR.” 	
22.	Section 2.1, page 17	Table 1 and its preceding paragraph proposes how the EA will be prepared. To improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it would be more appropriate for this information to be moved to Section 3.0 of this ToR document.	Revise ToR document accordingly.
23.	Section 2.1, page 17	More information and detail is required to support the “reason for proceeding with this undertaking has been established by the IESO...”	See Comment #14.
24.	Section 2.1, page 17	Please provide further information on “focusing of the EA”. Define the term “focusing”. What does it mean to focus the EA? What general requirements will not be addressed in the EA? etc.	Revise text accordingly. Please provide additional information in Section 3.0 of this ToR document.
25.	Section 2.1, Table 1, page 17	Please correct references to “Section 0”	Revise Table accordingly.

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26.	Section 2.1, Table 1, page 17, row 2	<p>In order to provide flexibility to accommodate new circumstances, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“ii) The EA will evaluate and assess two alternative reference routes alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking”</p>	Revise Table accordingly.
27.	Section 2.1, Table 1, page 17, row 2	In accordance with Section 5.2.5 of the Code of Practice, the “Do Nothing” alternative should always be considered. It acts as a starting point for the comparison of alternatives.	See Comment #42. Revise Table accordingly.
28.	Section 2.1, Table 1, page 18, row 1, column 1	Alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking should be included in the “description of...”	Revise Table accordingly.
29.	Section 2.1, Table 1, page 18, row 2	Alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking should be included in “an evaluation of advantages and disadvantages...”	Revise Table accordingly.
30.	Section 2.3	Are there any opportunities for public and/or Indigenous consultation? If so, please describe.	Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information (if any) in this section of the ToR.
31.	Section 2.4	What is meant by “the fee simple interest...” in the statement “Property Owners will be offered the choice of Hydro One acquiring either an easement or the fee simple interest in the lands required for the Project.”?	Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.
32.	Section 2.5, page 21	In order to clearly demonstrate that this undertaking is not a “designated project” under federal regulation, please provide further information on the requirements outlined in the federal regulation designating	Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.

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		physical activities.	
33.	Section 2.5, page 21	Please include the November 27, 2017 letter from Parks Canada in your Record of Consultation.	Please provide the additional information as part of the Record of Consultation (See Comment 2).
34.	Section 2.5, general	Provide more information regarding Section 67 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (i.e. what does it state, what requirements does it outline etc.). Also, for improved clarity and flow, it is recommended a subheading be included for the discussion regarding Section 67.	Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.
35.	Section 2.5, general	What consultation has been conducted to date with ISC, CEAA and other federal authorities?	Please provide the additional information as part of the Record of Consultation (See Comment 2).
36.	Section 2.6, general	To improve clarity and flow, it is suggested to organize the permits and/or approvals listed according to the responsible Ministry. Consider using a table format.	Revise text accordingly.
37.	Section 2.6, general	<p>Include a statement at the end of this section that states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a preliminary list • This list is subject to change as the project is further developed and refined • A final list will be outlined the EA document. <p>Use similar wording as the last paragraph in Section 2.7 of this ToR document (See Comment #39)</p>	Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.

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38.	Section 2.7, general	To improve clarity and flow, it is suggested to organize the permits and/or approvals listed according to the responsible federal agency. Consider using a table format.	Revise text accordingly.
39.	Section 2.7, page 23	<p>To improve clarity and flow, consider the following revision to the third paragraph of Section 2.1:</p> <p>“Section 2.0 provided a preliminary list of other federal permits and approvals that may be necessary for the Project. This list is subject to change as the Project is further developed and refined. All federal permits and approvals that are necessary for the Project to proceed will be outlined in the EA document. It may not be practicable to complete all required surveys in relation to other approvals prior to submission of the EA document, but Hydro One will commit to continue and complete all information collection prior to construction following the completion of the EA.”</p>	Revise text accordingly.
40.	Section 3, page 24	<p>Need to provide more information and detail to support your statement: “Based on the previously conducted needs assessment and the prioritization of the project from regulatory bodies, a more focused approach to the EA will be utilized.”</p> <p>Please provide supporting documentation to confirm and validate the statement “Based on the previously conducted needs</p>	Revise the ToR document and text accordingly.

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		<p>assessment and the prioritization of the project..." (See Comment #1 and #14).</p> <p>Please incorporate the discussion from Section 2.1 on "focusing" and Table 1 into this section of the ToR document (See Comment #24).</p>	
41.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 1	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>"a description of the Project and the purpose of the Project based on the recommendations and decisions of the IESO and the government;</p>	Revise text accordingly.
42.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 3	<p>In accordance with section 5.2.5 of the Code of Practice, the "Do Nothing" alternative should be considered.</p> <p>Please be advised that the "Do Nothing" alternative represents what is expected to happen if the problem or opportunity that prompted the EA process is not addressed. The "Do Nothing" alternative represents what is expected to happen if none of the alternatives being considered during the EA process are carried out. It represents the benchmark against which the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives being considered can be measured and compared.</p> <p>The "Do Nothing" alternative is not intended to be considered as a reasonable way in</p>	Revise text accordingly.

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		<p>which the problem or opportunity that prompted the initiation of EA process can be addressed.</p> <p>It is the ministry's expectation that during the EA process proponents will consider a reasonable range of alternatives, which will be assessed against the "Do Nothing" alternative.</p>	
43.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 4	<p>Incorrect reference to alternative methods. Statement should refer to alternatives to.</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>"the EA will not include a description and rationale of alternatives to methods of carrying out the Project as it has already been extensively studied by the OPA and IESO regulator and the preferred alternative to has already been identified. However, the EA will include a description of and statement of rationale for the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking such as identified reference route and reference route alternative will be considered for the Project as well as route alignment, design considerations and local refinements;"</p>	Revise text accordingly.
44.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 5	To improve clarity, consider the following revision:	Revise text accordingly.

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		<p>“a description of the environment that will be affected, or might reasonably be expected to be affected directly or indirectly by the Project and the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking routes considered;”</p>	
45.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 6	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“an description evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages that will be caused or might reasonably be expected to be caused to the environment as a result of the Project, and the alternative methods of carrying out the Project;”</p>	Revise text accordingly.
46.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 7	To improve clarity and flow, this bullet point should come after bullet point 5.	Revise this section accordingly.
47.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 8	This statement is repetitive. It is already captured in in bullet point 6	Revise this section accordingly.
48.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 8	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“description and documentation of the public, agency and stakeholder consultations and Indigenous communities and groups engagement and consultation undertaken during the EA process”</p>	Revise text accordingly.
49.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 9	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“pre and post development environmental monitoring plans, follow-up programs, and commitments (as necessary); and,”</p>	Revise text accordingly.

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50.	Section 3, page 24, bullet 10	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“supporting documents, maps, etc., or any other documents as required under the EA Act and its regulations, such as Ontario Regulation 334.”</p>	Revise text accordingly.
51.	Section 3, page 24	This list should include a commitment that the EA will include a description of the effects that will be caused or that might reasonably be expected to be caused to the environment. Should follow bullet point 5.	Revise this section accordingly.
52.	Section 3.1, general	To improve clarity and flow, it is recommended this subsection be moved to the end of Section 3.	Revise this section accordingly.
53.	Section 3.1, page 25	<p>In accordance with Section 5.2.10 of the ministry’s Code of Practice, it is important that flexibility be incorporated when preparing the ToR document. However, flexibility is not to allow proponent to completely change the scope of their study at the EA stage. As such, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“...To address these potential changes, there is a requirement for flexibility within the ToR document to lay out a framework for a successful EA submission and subsequent construction and operational phases. Project design updates, study area refinements changes, novel information, and implementation of input from the consultation</p>	Revise text accordingly.

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		<p>process are examples of new circumstances arising during a project lifecycle. These degrees of Flexibility allow proponents reasonable measures to address unforeseen circumstances but still maintain regulatory compliance throughout the project phases without starting the ToR and EA process anew. Some of these changes are likely to be minor and have limited consequences while others may be more significant and require consultation with a number of stakeholders and agencies. Hydro One has prepared this ToR with the most complete state of knowledge at the time of its preparation but acknowledges the Project may need to adapt to new circumstances. If significant changes to the project are being considered, Hydro One will consult with the MECP to determine if the proposed changes can be accommodated with the framework of the ToR. ”</p>	
54.	Section 3.2, general	When referencing the Code of Practice, specify which section(s) of the Code of Practice is being referenced.	Revise the text accordingly
55.	Section 3.2, page 25	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph:</p> <p>“The EA will be prepared in accordance consistent with the requirements on the EA Act described in Section 2.1 and in accordance with the MECP’s Code Practice on Preparing and Reviewing</p>	Revise text accordingly.

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		Environmental Assessments in Ontario	
56.	Section 3.2, page 26	Please explain the term “reference reports”. Are they detailed technical studies completed in support of the EA?	Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.
57.	Section 4, general	<p>This section provides a description of the undertaking and an evaluation of alternative methods. Both these components are important requirements of the EA process. As such, to improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it would be more appropriate for this components to be separated into two separate sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 4 – “Description of the Undertaking”. This section includes Subsections 4.1, 4.6 & 4.7. • Section 5 – “Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives”. This section includes subsection 4.2 to 4.5. It should begin with a brief general summary explaining the two different types of alternatives the Environmental Assessment Act requires proponents to assess (i.e. ‘alternatives to’ and ‘alternative methods’ of carrying out an undertaking). 	Revise ToR document accordingly
58.	Section 4, general	Please clarify that this section provides a general description of the undertaking. Include a commitment that a more detailed description of the undertaking will be provided in the EA. This description should	Revise text accordingly.

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		be sufficiently detailed to enable the identification an assessment of potential effects for all phases of the project.	
59.	Section 4.1, general	<p>Please clearly define the geographical boundaries of the study area. In accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the boundaries should adequately represent the geographical area within which the potential environmental effects of the alternatives being considered and the proposed undertaking are likely to occur and will be studied.</p> <p>Interested government agencies, Indigenous communities and members of the public rely upon the description of study area to determine whether the proposed undertaking and its alternatives may impact their respective jurisdictional mandate, Indigenous rights or interests. It is therefore important to explain how the boundaries of the study area were determined.</p> <p>In addition, please include a commitment that a more detailed description of the study area and how the boundaries of the study area were determined will be provided in the EA.</p> <p>Also, in accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry's Code of Practice, before the existing environment is described, a study</p>	Revise text and ToR document accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.

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		area must be defined. As such, it would be more appropriate to move this section to Section 6 of this ToR document.	
60.	Section 4.1, general	Hydro One specifies that information from NextBridge's EA document will be used to supplement the Lake Superior Link EA. The ministry would like to emphasize that as outlined in our November 14, 2017 letter to Hydro One and reiterated in correspondence from March 16, 2018 and April 10, 2018; Hydro One's proposed Lake Superior Link Transmission Project is considered a new undertaking for the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act. As such, Hydro One is required to complete the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act including preparing technical studies for analysis and evaluation and consultation requirements. This information must be completed and submitted as part of the Lake Superior Link EA.	Revise text accordingly. Please remove references to NextBridge or the NextBridge EA project. See Comment #12.
61.	Section 4.2, general	This section discusses alternatives to the project and therefore should be renamed "Alternatives To"	Revise heading accordingly.
62.	Section 4.2, general	This subsection states that an extensive 'alternatives to' assessment (i.e. local generation and other transmission solutions etc.) had been previously performed by OPA and IESO, and the proposed expansion to the East West Tie corridor was identified as the preferred option.	Revise this section accordingly. Please provide a detailed summary and analysis of the 'alternatives to' assessment conducted through OPA and IESO planning processes. Include any further details as supporting documentation.

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		<p>Although Hydro One is proposing to prepare a focused EA, a detailed summary of the assessment conducted by OPA and IESO should be presented in the ToR document. The ToR should include some analysis of 'alternatives to' to provide the necessary justification and rationale for why the expansion of the current East West Tie corridor is the preferred option. This information should also be confirmed and validated by providing supporting documentation.</p>	
63.	Section 4.2, page 27	<p>A reference to "East-West Tie project" is confusing because there is currently another EA project with the same name. It would be better to frame it as the summary of the proposed expansion of the East-West Tie corridor. To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>"The expansion of the East-West tie project corridor has been identified by the Ministry of Energy, the OEB and the IESO as a priority project, as per an Order-in-Council issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on March 4, 2016. As such, this ToR proposes and will utilize a focused EA will be prepared method.</p>	
64.	Section 4.2, page 28	<p>This paragraph is very confusing. At some points, it is unclear whether you are referring to alternatives to or alternative methods. To</p>	Revise this section accordingly

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		<p>improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>Under In accordance with subsections 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) of the EA Act, a focused EA will be prepared. The assessment of alternatives to the undertaking and approach will take into account the IESO and OPA planning processes recommendations. As such, the need and method for the goals of the project have has been clearly identified and the ToR EA will not contain an assessment of alternatives to the undertaking.</p> <p>It is also recommended that any discussion of alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking be moved to Section 4.4.</p>	
65.	Section 4.3	In accordance with Section 5.2.5 of the Code of Practice, the “Do Nothing” alternative should always be considered. It acts as a starting point for the comparison of alternatives.	See Comment #42. Revise this section accordingly.
66.	Section 4.4, general	<p>This section discusses alternatives methods of carrying out the undertaking and therefore should be renamed “Alternatives Methods of Carrying out the Undertaking”</p> <p>As such, there needs to be a clear statement at the beginning of this section listing the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking that will be identified, evaluated</p>	Revise heading and text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.

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		<p>and assessed in the EA. This is not limited to just routing alternatives. For instance, alternative methods should include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative routes between the Thunder Bay and Wawa • Local refinements to the Reference Route • Alternative designs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Towers (i.e. types and specific siting), new access roads etc. <p>This should be following by subsections for each of the above referenced alternative methods which will provide further information and preliminary details.</p>	
67.	Section 4.4, general	<p>Need to expand on the explanation for limiting the number of route alternatives to be considered in the EA (i.e. connection criteria and Provincial Policy Statement). Our understanding is that there are a number of linear corridors that are located between Thunder Bay and Wawa. Why will the EA not identify, evaluate and assess all these potential corridors?</p> <p>If limiting the number of route alternatives to be considered in the EA, thorough justification and rationale is required. In accordance with section 5.2.5 of the Code of Practice, the ToR should provide justification</p>	Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.

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		<p>for limiting the examination of alternatives and a statement of the rationale for the alternatives that will be examined the EA. This should be accompanied by supporting documentation.</p> <p>Furthermore, provide background on the reference route and the justification for its use.</p> <p>If justification and rationale for limiting the number of route alternatives to be considered in the EA cannot be provided in the ToR, please include a commitment that a thorough screening of the route alternatives will be provided in the EA (i.e. the EA will identify, evaluate and assess a reasonable range of potential linear corridors that are located between Thunder Bay and Wawa).</p>	
68.	Section 4.4, page 29	Section 5.2.5 of the ministry's Code of Practice identifies a number of questions that can be used by proponents when determining the alternatives that should be considered during the EA process. These questions are designed to aid proponents in identifying and determining an initial range of alternatives, that may reasonably address the problem or opportunity that prompted the initiation of the EA process and be within a proponent's ability to implement, that should be carried forward for further consideration during the EA process. These questions are	Please remove text regarding the questions listed in section 5.2.5 of the ministry's Code of Practice.

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		not intended to be used as a means by which alternatives are compared and assessed or by which a preferred alternative is determined.	
69.	Section 4.4.1, general	<p>Local refinements to the reference route might be required as a result of consultation, to avoid sensitive environmental features (natural, socio-economic, cultural etc.), technical considerations, and request of landowners. This needs to be clearly articulate in this subsection.</p> <p>Also, please statement that the need for local refinements to the reference route and final siting will be determined and evaluated during the EA process.</p>	Revise text accordingly.
70.	Section 4.4.1, page 30	<p>The last three paragraphs on this page briefly describe a preliminary list of criteria and indicators (i.e. Appendix 2 of the draft ToR) and a preliminary assessment and evaluation methodology that will be utilized during the EA process. However the discussion only refers to the alternatives methods related to local refinements to the reference route and is insufficient.</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow, any discussion of the preliminary list of criteria and indicators (i.e. Appendix 2 of the draft ToR) and a preliminary assessment and evaluation methodology should be moved to Section 4.5 of this ToR document.</p>	Please remove text regarding preliminary list of criteria and indicators and the preliminary assessment and evaluation methodology. See Comment #71.

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		<p>In addition, this discussion should be general and apply to all alternative methods. In accordance with Section 5.2.7 of the ministry's Code of Practice, it is the ministry's expectation that Hydro One will conduct a systematic evaluation of all the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking.</p>	
71.	Section 4.5, general	<p>The purpose of this section is to describe the approach to be taken in the assessment and evaluation of the alternatives in the EA. At the heart of the EA planning process in Ontario is the comparative analysis of alternatives, assessing advantages and disadvantages and determining the best alternative that is appropriate to address the problem or opportunity.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.7 of the ministry's Code of Practice, proponents must conduct a systematic evaluation of the alternatives.</p> <p><u>Evaluation Methodology</u> The ToR should either identify the evaluation method(s) to be used and the reason for its selection or outline the general parameters that will be used to identify the evaluation method(s) in the EA.</p> <p>Please clearly indicated at the evaluation</p>	Please revise this section accordingly.

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		<p>method(s) will be used during EA process to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential environmental effects • Impact management measures • Net effects • advantages and disadvantages <p>of the alternatives on the environment during all phases of the project (i.e. construction, operation, maintenance etc.).</p> <p>The method(s) chosen must be able to produce an assessment that is clear logical and traceable.</p> <p><u>Criteria and Indicators</u> The evaluation method(s) are based on a set of criteria and indicators. Sufficient information about the criteria and indicators, or how they will be developed, should be given in the ToR to ensure that they can be understood by interested persons who are then able to provide informed comments. For instance, the ToR should explain the rationale for the selection of each of the proposed criteria and indicators, and an explanation about how each criteria and indicator may be further developed during the EA process.</p>	

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		<p><u>Data Sources</u> The main body of the ToR should state the potential data sources for the criteria and indicators that will be used during the EA process.</p> <p><u>Overall</u> Please indicate that the information provided in this section is preliminary and more detail will be provided in the EA. Include a commitment in the ToR document that the criteria, indicators and evaluation method(s) will be further developed and refined during the EA process, in consultation with the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities, and any other interested persons.</p>	
72.	Section 4.6, page 31	If the general location of the project and certain technical considerations has been determined through another planning process, then those details needs to be clearly presented in this section of the ToR document and the associated supporting documentation must be provided. (See Comments #1 and #14)	Revise text accordingly. Please provide supporting documentation to confirm and validate the information provided (See Comment #1 and #14).
73.	Section 4.6.1, general	This section briefly describes alternative design considerations and preliminary assessment and evaluation methodology that will be utilized during the EA process. As per Comment #70, to improve clarity and flow, any discussion of criteria and indicators and a preliminary assessment and	Please revise this section accordingly. See Comment #71

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		evaluation methodology should be moved to Section 4.5 of this ToR document. This discussion should be general and apply to all alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking.	
74.	Section 4.6.2, general	Any discussion of the technical considerations for the transmission line ROW should include all proposed routes and not be specific to the reference route (i.e. "For the section of the line through PNP..."). The preferred transmission line route will be determined through the EA process and the ToR should not presuppose the outcome of the EA.	
75.	Section 4.6.3, page 32	To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the last sentence: "This will be confirmed in the detail design stage for the Project. Further discussed in the EA "	Revise text accordingly.
76.	Section 4.6.4, general	Only temporary access roads are mentioned; however, will any of the access roads be considered permanent? Will these be new access roads or extensions to existing access roads?	Revise text accordingly.
77.	Section 4.6.6, general	Will there be a need for construction camps? All components and structures associated with construction should be identified and discussed in the EA.	Revise text accordingly.
78.	Section 4.7.2, general	The heading for this section should include "Maintenance" (i.e. operation and maintenance).	Revise heading accordingly. Please provide any additional information in this section of the ToR.

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		Does the Transmission Vegetation Management Program apply to this project? If so please provide further information.	
79.	Section 4.7.3, general	<p>What are examples of decommissioning activities for this type of project?</p> <p>Please include a commitment in this section of the ToR that states if decommissioning activities are required, a detailed review of the potential environmental effects and mitigation measures will be provide.</p>	Revise text accordingly. Please provide any additional information in this section of the ToR.
80.	Section 5, page 36 & Figure 5	<p>While the ministry understands proponents have specific project schedules they strive to maintain, delays may occur. However, it should be the purpose of Figure 5 to highlight the key milestones during in the EA process to ensure that interested persons understand the process, and when they are able to review documents and provide comments before decision are made.</p> <p>As such, to improve clarity, please remove the “when” column in Figure 5 and the second last sentence on page 36: “The timelines in the figure are required to meeting the project need date.”</p>	
81.	Figure 5, page 37	There are other key milestones after the formal submission of a final EA document that are absent from in Figure 5 (i.e. Inspection of the Ministry Review). In order to improve transparency, please incorporate	Revise Figure 5 accordingly.

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		<p>the missing key milestones. Refer to Appendix A: Environmental Assessment Process Timelines of the ministry's Code of Practice.</p> <p>In addition, the "Specific Consultation Activities" should specify that documentation (i.e. draft & final ToRs and EAs) will be reviewed by government agencies and Indigenous communities, as well as the public.</p>	
82.	Section 5.1, page 38	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first sentence:</p> <p>"...best practices in public and stakeholder consultation and engagement..."</p>	Revise text accordingly.
83.	Section 5.2, general	This section should be incorporated as a subsection under Section 5.5 "Consultation Plan for the EA"	Revise ToR document accordingly.
84.	Section 5.2, page 38	Stakeholders should be consulted throughout the EA process and not just with regard to alternative methods. Please revise the last sentence of the first paragraph accordingly.	Revise text accordingly.
85.	Section 5.2, page 39	<p><u>Third Paragraph</u> - Section 5.3 provides further information and details regarding Duty to Consult and Indigenous community consultation. As such, to improve clarity, the third paragraph should include a reference to Section 5.3.</p> <p><u>Fourth Paragraph</u> - Please include a</p>	Revise this section accordingly.

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		commitment that the comprehensive project contact list will continually be reviewed and updated during the EA process.	
86.	Section 5.2, page 39	<p>These bullet points are describing the consultation and engagement activities planned for the project during the EA process. To improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it would be more appropriate for this information to be moved and incorporated into to the list in Section 5.5.1.</p> <p>In addition, the last bullet point should remove reference to “draft and final ToR”. Any consultation and engagement activities related to the preparation of the Terms of Reference should be described in Section 5.4.</p> <p>Also, the last bullet should specify that documents will be made available to government agencies and Indigenous communities for review, in addition to the public.</p>	Revise this section accordingly.
87.	Section 5.3, general	This section should reflect the up-to-date status of the delegation and notification. In addition, to improve clarity and flow, it would be more appropriate for the list of communities as described in Section 5.4.2, to be incorporated into this section of the ToR document.	Revise this section accordingly.
88.	Section 5.4, general	In accordance with Section 5.2.9 of the ministry’s Code of Practice, do not confuse	Revise this section and subsections accordingly.

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		<p>consultation plan with record of consultation.</p> <p>The consultation plan is for future consultation that will take place during the preparation of the EA.</p> <p>The record of consultation is for past consultation that took place during the preparation of the ToR. As such, this section of the ToR document should summarize the consultation activities that occurred and their results. In addition, proponents must submit a separate and more detailed document called a Record of Consultation. See Comment #2.</p> <p>In order to improve clarity, the heading for this section should be revised: “Consultation Plan for on the ToR”. In addition, each of the subsection (i.e. 5.4.1 to 5.4.3) should be written in past tense since they are summarizing what has already occurred.</p>	
89.	Section 5.5.1, page 45	The review of a draft EA document should be its own separate bullet point.	Revise this section accordingly.
90.	Section 5.5.2, general	<p>Refer to comments from Peter Brown, Indigenous Consultation Advisor, Client Services and Permissions Branch, MECP.</p> <p>The EA consultation plan for Indigenous communities should clearly set out the steps a proponent intends to take with respect to consultation activities. It should include, but</p>	Revise this section accordingly.

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		<p>not limited to, consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Indigenous communities will be notified and consulted. This includes a description of the consultation activities planned (i.e. notifications, information sharing opportunities, open houses, individual meetings with the community etc.). • Points in the EA process when Indigenous communities will be consulted. • Methods that will be used to consult with Indigenous communities. • Identify the decisions that Indigenous communities can provide input to and what role Indigenous communities play when the proponent makes decisions. • How traditional knowledge will be incorporated. <p>Consultation plans should be developed and refined in consultation with Indigenous communities. Each community may have different approaches and/or preferences with regard to consultation and engagement. As such, some communities may prefer to have individualized plans.</p>	

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		<p><u>Other Items</u> Please specify in this section that Indigenous communities are welcome to participate in the public consultation activities, in addition to the ones planned specifically for Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Please remove the word “groups” from all references to “Indigenous communities and groups”. The appropriate reference is just “Indigenous communities”.</p>	
91.	Section 5.5.3, general	The appropriate reference is “ government agencies ” and not just “agency”.	Revise this section accordingly.
92.	Section 5.5.4, general	<p>Please use one term (i.e. record) when referring to the consultation record. Too many terms (i.e. log, database etc.) is confusing.</p> <p>Please clarify the last sentence in this section: “The Record of Consultation for the ToR EA will be submitted...”</p>	Revise text accordingly
93.	Section 5.6, page 49	Please specify: “all comments and inputs received from the public, government agencies and Indigenous communities will be documented...”	Revise text accordingly.
94.	Section 6, general	The section notes that environmental studies have been completed by another proponent. Hydro One specifies that they intend on using this information and will conduct a gap analysis to identify the need of verification or collection of data to complete the description of the environment.	Revise text accordingly. Please remove references to other proponent’s environmental studies throughout this section. See Comment #12 and #60.

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		<p>What are the environmental studies you are referring too and by which proponent? Is this reference to NextBridge and the NextBridge EA? The ministry would like to emphasize that as outlined in our November 14, 2017 letter to Hydro One and reiterated in correspondence from March 16, 2018 and April 10, 2018; Hydro One's proposed Lake Superior Link Transmission Project is considered a new undertaking for the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act. As such, Hydro One is required to complete the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act including preparing technical studies for analysis and evaluation and consultation requirements. This information must be completed and submitted as part of the Lake Superior Link EA.</p>	
95.	Section 6, general	<p>Please include a commitment in the ToR document that a more detailed description of the environment and the baseline conditions for all environmental components will be provided in the EA.</p>	Revise text accordingly.
96.	Section 6.1 and 6.2, general	<p>The subsections of Section 6.1 and 6.2 provide information on proposed data collection tools/methods (i.e. studies, tests, surveys or mapping etc.) for each of the environmental components; however, in accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the ToR should</p>	Revise this section accordingly.

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		<p>provide a preliminary description of the environment and baseline conditions.</p> <p>The current descriptions of each of the environment components have limited information. Descriptions of the environment and baseline conditions should be sufficiently detailed to allow the government agencies to determine whether the proposed studies will meet the information requirements of the particular agency.</p> <p>For instance, further information that can be included, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of the Lake Superior Watershed and any secondary or tertiary watersheds • A preliminary list of SARs in the study area • A list of the species of fish that are expected based on aquatic features of the study area. <p>Please provide further information on baseline conditions for each of the environmental components.</p>	
97.	Section 6.1 and 6.2, general	In accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the ToR should include a list and brief explanation of the tools (i.e. studies, tests, surveys, mapping etc.) that will be used to provide a more detailed description of the environment in the EA. Lists will not preclude proponents from	Revise this section accordingly.

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		<p>conducting additional and more detailed studies as part of the EA.</p> <p>Although the subsections of Section 6.1 and 6.2 provide information on proposed data collection tools/methods, to improve clarity and flow, this information should be integrated into one subsection. As such, please incorporate a subsection in Section 6 that includes a list and a brief explanation for each of the available or existing data collection tools (i.e. studies, tests, surveys or mapping etc.) that were used to determine the existing conditions of each component of the environment. Also, please include a list and a brief explanation of the data collection tools (i.e. studies, tests, surveys, mapping etc.) that will be carried out to provide a more detailed description of the environment in the EA.</p> <p>Overall, sufficient information should be given in the ToR to ensure that data collection tools/methods can be understood by interested government agencies, Indigenous communities and members of the public who are then able to provide informed comments.</p>	
98.	Section 6.1.1 to 6.1.2, general	Field work may be required to gather information on environmental baseline conditions. As such, please remove references to “no field work” and include	Revise these subsections accordingly.

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		statements such as “desktop studies will be used and supplemented with field work where required” or “field work will be conducted if necessary” etc.	
99.	Section 6.1.6, page 56	The last paragraph provides general information and references all environmental components. As such, it would be more appropriate to move this to the beginning of Section 6.1 of this ToR document.	Revise this section accordingly.
100.	Section 6.1.8, general	Please specify that potential project emission sources will be evaluated against regulatory standards in the EA.	Revise text accordingly.
101.	Section 6.1.9, general	Please specify that potential noise emission sources will be evaluated against regulatory standards in the EA.	Revise text accordingly.
102.	Section 6.2, general	To improve clarity and flow, considering separating the socio-economic environmental components and the cultural/built environment components into two separate sections.	Revise ToR document accordingly.
103.	Section 6.2.3, page 58	To improve clarity, considering the following revision to the first sentence of the last paragraph that: “The EA will describe and assess existing commercial, recreational and industrial activities...”	Revise text accordingly.
104.	Section 6.2.5, general	Refer to comments from Peter Brown, Indigenous Consultation Advisor, Client Services and Permissions Branch, MECP. Indigenous community-specific criteria and indicators may be required for the evaluation of alternatives and assessment of the	Revise text accordingly.

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		preferred undertaking. Please include a commitment in the ToR that specifies criteria and indicators of relevance to Indigenous communities will be developed in consultation with Indigenous communities.	
105.	Section 6.2.7, page 60	The landscape characteristic should be described for the entire study area, not just “the area located West of Nigigon, and the Pukaskwa River Provincial Park”. As such please remove this reference.	Revise text accordingly.
106.	Section 6.2.8, general	Has there been any preliminary consultation with municipalities, MTO etc. regarding services and infrastructure?	Please provide the additional information as part of the Record of Consultation (See Comment 2).
107.	Section 6.2.9, general	What are the Hydro One Land Acquisition Compensation Principles? Please provide further information.	Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.
108.	Section 7, general	<p>Once the assessment and comparative evaluation of the alternatives is completed, a preferred undertaking will be identified. The purpose of this section is to describe the approach to be taken in the evaluation of the environmental effects of preferred undertaking. The intent is to allow the additional details developed on the preferred undertaking (i.e. design, operations etc.) to be assessed. It also allows for the evaluation of impact management measures and net effects within the context of a more comprehensive description for the preferred undertaking.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.7 of the</p>	Revise this section accordingly.

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		<p>ministry's Code of Practice, the ToR should either identify the evaluation method(s) to be used and the reason for its selection or outline the general parameters that will be used to identify the evaluation method(s) in the EA.</p> <p>Please clearly indicated at the evaluation method(s) will be used during EA process to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential environmental effects • Impact management measures • Net effects • advantages and disadvantages <p>of the undertaking on the environment during all phases of the project (i.e. construction, operation, maintenance etc.).</p> <p>The method(s) chosen must be able to produce an assessment that is clear logical and traceable.</p>	
109.	Section 7, page 61	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision: "The following section identifies the potential effects assessment and evaluation and associated mitigation measures to address them avoid or minimize negative effects. Table 2 identifies the preliminary environmental features and technical considerations that will be applied assessed in the evaluation of potential environmental</p>	Revise text accordingly.

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		<p>effects.”</p> <p>Please include a statement that the preliminary list of features/considerations will be developed and refined during the EA process in consultation with the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities, and any other interested persons.</p> <p>Are you referring to the preliminary criteria and indicators in Appendix 2? If so please reference in the text.</p>	
110.	Section 7, page 62	<p>This first paragraph discusses mitigation measures. However, to improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it would be more appropriate for the discussions regarding the assessment of potential environmental effects and mitigation measures to be separated into two separate subsections: i.e. ‘Effects Assessment’ & ‘Mitigation Measures’.</p> <p>Also consider the following revision: “Mitigation measures will be developed and described in the EA to avoid or minimize negative effects due to construction and operation of the project with due consideration of cost, safety, feasibility and technical standards. “</p> <p>Please clarify what phases are included in</p>	Revise text and this section accordingly.

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111.	Section 7.1 and 7.2, general	<p>‘pre- and post-operational’.</p> <p>The information presented in these sections needs to be revised in order to improve clarity and flow. Potential environmental effects, mitigation measures, evaluation methods for alternatives, criteria and indicators, data sources etc. are all discussed at once. However, this information should be separated and incorporated into the appropriate corresponding sections of the ToR document (as facilitated by my comments on the draft ToR).</p> <p><u>Potential environmental effects and mitigation measures</u></p> <p>The preliminary information discussed in Section 7.1 and 7.2 with regards to the potential environmental effects and mitigation measures, is related to the assessment and evaluation of the alternatives and the preferred undertaking. As such, it would be more appropriate for this information to be incorporated as subsections at the end of Section 6 of this ToR document.</p> <p>In addition, to improve clarity, it is recommended that this information in sections 7.1 and 7.2 be put into tabular format.</p>	Revise this section and ToR document accordingly.
112.	Section 7.2, general	To improve clarity and flow, considering	Revise ToR document accordingly.

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		separating the potential socio-economic environmental effects and the potential cultural/built environment effects into two separate sections.	
113.	Section 7.3. general	This section specifies that the technical, administrative and cost considerations should be used to evaluate the alternatives. As such, to improve clarity and flow, it would be more appropriate for this section to be moved to Section 4.5 of this ToR document.	Revise ToR document accordingly.
114.	Section 8, general	<p>In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the ToR must include a statement that the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by the proponent during the ToR process, and where or how they have been dealt with in the EA. Furthermore, the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by the proponent during the EA process; including all commitments relating to impact management measures, additional works and studies to be carried out, monitoring, consultation and contingency planning, and documentation and correspondence.</p> <p>As such, consider incorporating a new subsection in Section 8 of the ToR that speaks to 'commitments' and references these requirements.</p>	Revise this section accordingly.
115.	Section 8, general	In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the ministry's Code of Practice, a monitoring framework will consider all phases of the	Revise text accordingly.

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		<p>proposed undertaking (planning, detailed design, construction, operations, decommissioning etc.).</p> <p>Please clarify what phases are included in 'pre- and post-operational'.</p> <p>Include a commitment in the ToR that clearly states a monitoring framework will be developed during the EA and will consider all phases of the proposed undertaking.</p>	
116.	Section 8.1 and 8.2, general	<p>In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the monitoring framework includes two types of monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compliance monitoring – assessment of whether an undertaking had been constructed, implemented and/or operated in accordance with commitments made during the EA and the conditions of EA approval; • effects monitoring – activities carried out by the proponent after approval of the undertaking to determine the environmental effects of the undertaking. <p>To improve clarity and flow, please clearly define the two types of monitoring in the corresponding sections; Sections 8.1 (effects monitoring) and 8.2 (compliance monitoring).</p>	Revise these sections accordingly.

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117.	Section 8.1, general	<p>This section is supposed to provide preliminary information on effects monitoring; however, it includes information on compliance monitoring (i.e. EA commitments). As such, it would be more appropriate to move information on compliance monitoring to Section 8.2 of this ToR document.</p> <p>What is the project environmental management system? Will it include effects monitoring in addition to compliance monitoring? Please provide further information.</p>	Revise text and section accordingly.
118.	Section 8.1, page 67	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision: “During the later stages of the EA process, a monitoring program will be developed.... will ensure compliance with the all commitments set out in this assessment made during the EA process, plus other environmental requirements....”</p> <p>Please move this paragraph to Section 8.2 (See Comment #119) and incorporate a similar commitment that speaks to effects monitoring.</p>	Revise text and section accordingly.
119.	Section 8.2, general	<p>The current information in this section regarding compliance monitoring should be replaced with the information on compliance monitoring from Section 8.1.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the</p>	Revise text accordingly.

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		<p>ministry's Code of Practice, the EA will need to provide a monitoring strategy that sets out how and when all commitments made in the EA will be fulfilled and how the proponent will report to the ministry about compliance. Please include a commitment referencing this requirement in this section of the ToR.</p>	
120.	Appendix 2	<p>The table should clearly identify which column refers to the 'criteria' that will be used for the assessment and evaluation of alternatives. Also, the items under the "features considered" column should be separated into more specific criteria. For instance, "environmentally sensitive areas" can be separated further but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural heritage features (i.e. ANSI) • Wetlands • Species at risk • Terrestrial habitat • Aquatic habitat <p>Also, items under the "environment" column should include cultural and built environments, and any other technical considerations.</p> <p>In addition, please include a column that identifies preliminary potential effects on each of the indicators.</p> <p>Also, as per Comments #12, #60 and #94,</p>	Revise table accordingly.

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		<p>please remove references to the existing NextBridge EA studies.</p> <p>Overall, sufficient information should be given in the ToR to ensure that this table can be understood by interested persons who are then able to provide informed comments.</p>	

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Peter Brown, Indigenous Consultation Advisor, CSPB			
1	Throughout (e.g., Sections 3.1, 4.4.1, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.6)	Please make sure that Indigenous communities are identified separately from stakeholders and agencies in the Final ToR. Many indigenous communities prefer to not be identified as stakeholders.	Revise text throughout to identify Indigenous communities, stakeholders and agencies separately.
2	Section 5.3, page 40.	The Ministry of Energy, on behalf of the Crown, formally delegated procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One and provided a list of communities to be consulted for the environmental assessment process on March 2, 2018. The Ministry of Energy also notified the communities of this delegation.	Revise the first parts of this section to reflect the up-to-date status of the delegation and notification. Please also indicate that consultation on a draft Indigenous consultation plan for the EA will occur with all identified Indigenous communities (see comment #4 below).
3	Section 5.4, page 42.	This section should provide a summary of the consultation undertaken during the development of the ToR, not a consultation plan for the ToR. A complete record of consultation undertaken by Hydro One during the development of the ToR should also be provided as an appendix to the ToR. Indigenous community input in the development of the ToR is a very important part of the EA process.	Please include a summary of the consultation undertaken during the development of the ToR in the main body of the ToR. The Indigenous consultation summary should be organized by community and identify key issues raised and how they are addressed in the ToR (e.g., responses to them and/or explanation of how the input informed EA methodology, study design, etc). The appended record of consultation should include all events and communications, and indicate how any questions, comments and concerns are

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			addressed in the ToR and/or will be addressed through the EA process.
4	Section 5.5.2	<p>It is not clear if the Indigenous consultation plan for the EA referenced in the draft ToR is contained within section 5.5.2 or also exists as a more extensive stand-alone document that can be modified through consultation with communities.</p> <p>It is also not clear how Hydro One will “incorporate traditional knowledge and use”, as indicated in the draft ToR (p.47). This is an important part of the EA process and requires further clarification.</p>	<p>Please include a copy of the draft Indigenous consultation plan for the EA as part of the Final ToR or as a stand-alone document for review and consultation. I suggest calling it a draft plan until Hydro One consults with each individual Indigenous community on the plan. Some communities may request individualized plans, which should be honoured or accommodated appropriately (e.g., community-specific sections) within the overall consultation plan.</p> <p>Each community may have different approaches and preferences for the sharing of Traditional or Indigenous Knowledge, and this should also be honoured by Hydro One. Please note that Indigenous Knowledge should be an input to most physical, biological and human components of the environment. Please state a commitment to consider, and incorporate as appropriate, Indigenous consultation and knowledge in, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the methodology for and description of baseline conditions (e.g., study areas; environmental components; resources, species, other values of importance; timing of baseline studies, etc.);

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the evaluation of alternatives and assessment of the preferred undertaking (e.g., criteria and indicators of relevance to Indigenous communities for all environmental components); • the development of mitigation measures and monitoring commitments; and • the conclusions of the EA, including any residual adverse effects on Aboriginal and treaty rights
5	Section 6.2.5	“potential employment and... other relevant socio-economic aspects” should be considered under a more appropriate socio-economic component rather than as part of Traditional/Indigenous Land Use.	Move socio-economic references from Section 6.2.5 to 6.2.3 or 6.2.4, or create a separate Indigenous employment and economic activity component.
6	Section 7.0	Commitments to consider Traditional or Indigenous Knowledge for each environmental component are not clear. Indigenous community-specific criteria and indicators may also be required to address specific concerns or requests. This is an important part of the EA process and requires further clarification.	Information provided by Indigenous communities should be considered in developing all criteria, indicators and measures, not just “for effects on traditional/Indigenous land use where relevant” (p. 65). Please clarify this throughout Section 7.0. For example, Traditional or Indigenous Knowledge or Traditional/ Indigenous Resource Uses and/or Areas should be listed as a feature or consideration under Natural Environment (p.61).

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			<p>Under Socio-Economic Environment, it is recommended to refer to Traditional Knowledge as opposed to 'Traditional Knowledge Studies' because communities may prefer to share knowledge in ways other than through a formal study. This should be considered throughout the ToR.</p>

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Guowang Qiu, Air Quality Analyst, Technical Support, Northern Region			
1	Section 7.1	Within the section of evaluation of potential effects on the natural environment, air quality was not included. There is a potential air quality effects during the construction of the project due to construction activities, especially for the fugitive dust.	Consider the potential air quality effects from the construction activities, especially for the potential receptors near the transmission line, air quality impact assessment should be conducted and included in the environment assessment.
2	Appendix 2	Air quality was not included in the list of preliminary criteria and indicators.	Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions should be considered and included in the list of criteria and indicators to assess the environmental impacts of the project.

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Sam Shippam, Senior Environmental Officer, Thunder Bay District Office			
1	General	I reviewed the DRAFT TOR. At this point the district has no comments.	N/A

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Enoch Tse, Senior Noise Engineer, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch			
1	General	I have reviewed the information and have no further comments.	N/A
Stefanos Habtom, Senior Wastewater Engineer, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch			
2	General	I have reviewed the Draft ToR for the Hydro One Lake Superior Link Project and I have no comments in terms of the mandate of the Wastewater Review Unit.	N/A

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Comments

Proposal: Draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link Transmission Project

Proponent: Hydro One Networks Inc.

Comment #	Reference to ToR Report	Comments & Rationale	Proposed Action/Solution
Archana Uprety, Hydrogeologist, Drinking Water and Environmental Compliance Division			
1	Not mentioned in ToR	The study area in the EA should include 500 m on either side of the Reference Route and Alternative Routes. Project-specific potential environmental effects on groundwater resources are likely to occur within this area. For locations where extensive blasting is required, this distance may need to be increased.	Amendment to the ToR/proposed commitment to address concern.
2	Not mentioned in ToR	The study area in the EA should also include the area within 1 km from the project footprint, within which potential cumulative environmental effects on groundwater resources may occur.	Amendment to the ToR/proposed commitment to address concern.
3	Section 6.1.2, page 52	To reduce risk to groundwater, a desktop study and door-to-door survey should be conducted prior to construction to determine local groundwater conditions, and location of water supply wells. Should the study reveal shallow groundwater conditions, or water supply wells located within the vicinity of the transmission corridor, mitigation measures should be proposed to avoid potential negative effects.	Amendment to the ToR/proposed comitment to address concern.
4	Not mentioned in ToR	The EA should include a spill prevention and response plan, a waste management plan, and a blast management should blasting be	Amendment to the ToR/proposed commitment to address concern.

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		required. The use of ammonium nitrate explosive in the vicinity of water supply wells should be avoided.	
5	Section 7, page 61	The EA should identify potential effects, assess them, and recommend mitigation measures to reduce or avoid potential negative effects. Project activities which may impact groundwater resources such as during construction, operation and maintenance should be assessed. Including but not limited to, impact to water supply wells, potential contaminant discharges, disturbing pre-existing shallow contaminated soils, leaching of herbicides, managing precipitation and runoff, effects from dewatering, blasting, and artesian conditions.	Amendment to the ToR/proposed commitment to address concern.

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July 16th, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Antonia Testa
Special Project Officer

FROM: Mira Majerovich
Northern Region Planner/EA Coordinator

RE: Draft Terms of Reference for Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Line

As requested, I have reviewed the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the project above. Generally, the planning process for the environmental assessment (EA) appears to include the requirements set out in the EA process. Please keep in mind that by acknowledging your intention to mirror the East West Tie EA and associated studies for that project (for reasons explained in Sec 4.1, pg. 27), you are assuming the document is without deficiencies. The following comments focus on land-use compatibility and environmental planning. The recommendations below will aim to improve clarity and better align the process with the ministry's legislations, policies and procedures.

Permit and Approval Requirements (Sec. 2, pg. 15):

Please clarify that Lake Superior Links only plans to concurrently prepare for permits and approvals while the EA process is being undertaken. As written, it infers that permit and approval applications may be submitted during the EA process. Approval under the *Environmental Assessment Act* comes first and that approval under one piece of legislation does not guarantee approval under another. To reduce timelines, permit or approval applications may be submitted concurrently with the EA, however, these will not be approved until the EA process is complete. Also, the proponent can consult with other agencies to coordinate documentation that could meet both the EA and other applicable approvals as needed (Code of Practice: Environmental Assessments, pg 38).

Soil Contamination (Sec. 7.1, pg. 62; Sec. 7.3, pg. 66):

Please provide an approach for determining if and when assessing or managing soil contamination may be considered. While this may not be a significant concern, a complete assessment should consider the potential for soil contamination concerns and outline how they may be addressed. The Guide on Site Assessment, the cleanup of Brownfield Sites and the Filing of Record of Site Condition can provide some direction.

Acoustic Environment (Sec. 6.1.9, pg 56):

Please provide additional detail for the reference routes by referring to the communities that will be crossed, recreational areas, the existing transmission line and other potential sensitive receivers.

Noise level measurements, studies and/or mitigation measures may be required in some areas depending on the proximity to sensitive receivers.

Acoustic and noise become a consideration when there is a point of reception and communities have a different acoustic environment. When a facility is proposed Ministry of the Environment's *Guideline D-1 Land Use Compatibility* outlines the proponent's responsibility in determining:

1. The influence area
2. Identity and distance from existing or committed sensitive land use(s);
3. Severity of impacts; and
4. Feasible mitigation (Guideline D-1, Sec 1.3.2).

Ministry of the Environment's *Environmental Noise Guideline NPC 300* applies to EA projects. It provides sound level limits for different classes of areas (eg. urban, rural).

Human Health (Sec. 6.2.6, pg. 59):

Please provide detail on how noise, air and water quality will be assessed and managed either by linking these to other sections of the ToR (Sec. 6.1.8, Sec. 6.1.9, Sec. 6.1.2) or by adding details into this section. This section commits to only providing baseline conditions and potential effects for EMF's. There are other human health issues that need to be addressed.

Infrastructure and Service (Sec. 6.2.8; pg. 60):

The construction phase of this project will likely generate significant waste. The proponent should assess the projects effect on existing waste management services. Do local waste management services have the capacity to accept additional waste from the project?

Appendix 2 – List of Preliminary Criteria and Indicators Table:

Under Potential Data Sources, please add to Socio-economic Environment (existing land-use, approved development, commercial activities) MNRF, MMAH, MTCS, and Parks Canada. For unorganized land, MMAH is the approval authority. MNRF administers the affected crown land and conservation authorities and Parks Canada the federal parks.

Update the table to reflect any criteria and indicators under the Socio-Economic Environment for First Nation Communities through consultation and also include any from other stakeholders (eg. Traditional Land and Resources).

Please rephrase land use in the table under the Rationale for Selection of Indicator to land use compatibility, when referring to potential for conflicts with existing land uses. While it may be inferred as stated, this ministry prefers to see land use compatibility clearly referenced.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on the draft ToR. Please note that the above comments have been prepared on the basis of the preliminary information provided to date. Additional concerns may be identified on review of additional information. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mira Majerovich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail.

Mira Majerovich
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Cc: Paula Allen, APEP Supervisor, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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July 18, 2018

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Scott Parker
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RE: Hydro One Lake Superior Link – Draft Terms of Reference.

1.0 Introduction

As requested, I have reviewed the surface water related sections pertaining of the Hydro One Lake Superior Link (LSL) Draft Terms of Reference (ToR), submitted June 11, 2018. The purpose of the ToR was to initiate the planning process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act to identify the preferred alternative and to establish the framework for the planning and decision making process to be followed by the proponent during the preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report. The objectives of my review were to:

- Assess the adequacy of the LSL Draft ToR to characterize existing environmental conditions, predict and assess potential environmental effects associated with construction and operation and compare alternative methods/routes for carrying out the undertaking;
- Assess the efficacy of the proposed ToR surface water related work plans to detect potential aquatic impacts from the development and operation of the proposed Project;
- Identify any data gaps and provide recommendations as to the best way to fill them; and
- Provide recommendations for additional consideration in the ToR and EA, if required.

2.0 Background

Hydro One has initiated a study under the Environmental Assessment Act to construct an approximately 400 km long double-circuit 230 kilovolt electric power transmission line from the Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) near Thunder Bay to the Wawa TS near Wawa, Ontario. The Project will be operated for an indeterminate time period and decommissioning is not anticipated. The project proposed by Hydro One is similar to the East-West Tie project proposed by NextBridge, currently under MECP review, in that the purpose of the undertaking is the same and the project descriptions are similar. The difference between the two projects relates to a proposed alignment deviation along the route corridor. Hydro One intends to twin the existing line through Pukaskwa National Park whereas the current NextBridge route goes around the park.

Hydro One intends to utilize publicly available (EA document) environmental and biophysical baseline information of the reference route and the alternative route. Where there is an overlap in the study areas, Hydro One does not intend to duplicate these studies. Hydro One intends to verify and/or collect additional data where necessary to complete the environmental description for the proposed project.

3.0 Surface Water Review

The project is located in the Northwestern and Northeastern Lake Superior secondary watersheds and the following tertiary watersheds: Black Sturgeon, Nipigon, Little Pic, Pic, White, Michipicoten and Magpie. Surface water flows and water levels in the river systems crossed by the Project are controlled primarily by snow-melt and rainfall runoff. These river systems flow generally south, draining into Lake Superior.

The proposed Hydro One LSL transmission line reference route intends to utilize the existing RoW transmission corridor through Pukaskwa National Park as well as the majority of the route proposed for the Nextbridge East-West Tie (currently in MECP review). A RoW will be cleared of vegetation to accommodate the transmission line around the communities of Dorion and Loon Lake between Nipigon and the Municipality of Shuniah.

4.0 Conclusions/Recommendations

The environmental impacts to surface water quantity and quality from transmission line construction are generally limited to access road construction and RoW clearing. The potential long-term operational impacts are related primarily to increased erosion and sedimentation as well as short-term increases in water level or “flashy” stream flows due to access roads and the cleared RoW. There is also the potential that removal of tree cover in the RoW and changes in stream flows and water levels may increase concentrations of certain chemical constituents, stream temperature and suspended solids in receiving water. However, most, if not all, operational impacts to surface water quantity and quality may be mitigated by utilizing best management practices (BMPs) during the construction phase of the Project and by the inclusion of riparian vegetation buffer strips and erosion control measures along streams that intersect the RoW to attenuate runoff from the RoW, reduce sedimentation and erosion and provide shade cover thereby reducing stream temperature.

As the Lake Superior Link project moves forward, uncertainty can be reduced by making conservative assumptions, planning implementation of effective mitigation and monitoring measures and using available adaptive management measures to address potential unforeseen circumstances should they arise. Mitigation measures need to be based on proven and recognized best management practices, standard protocols for stream crossings, land clearing and/or working near water with machinery that are well understood and have been applied to road (and transmission line) construction projects throughout northern Ontario.

The Project must be carried out in compliance with the best management practices for road construction and operation and will be constructed in accordance with the guidelines listed on page 63 of the Draft LSL ToR as well as Crown Land Bridge Management Guidelines (MNR 2008), Northern Land Use Guidelines – Access: Roads and Trails (INAC 2010) and Fish-Stream Crossing Guidebook (B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, B.C. Ministry of Environment and Fisheries and Oceans Canada 2012). It is recommended that the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Canadian Water Quality Guideline for the Protection of Aquatic Life for suspended sediment and turbidity be followed where bankside, in-stream and/or dewatering work is required. Trigger/threshold values should be established and sampling should occur in potential sensitive receivers before, during and after such work is undertaken. It is also recommended that the following Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications be included to the requirements related to road, bridge and ancillary area construction:

- Ontario Provincial Standard Specification (OPSS 805) – Construction Specifications for Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Measures
- Ontario Provincial Standard Specification (OPSS 182) – General specifications for Environmental Protection for Construction in Waterbodies and on Waterbody Banks
- Ontario Provincial Standard Specification (OPSS 518) – Construction Specifications for Control of Water from Dewatering Operations

5.0 Closure

If you have any questions regarding the above comments and recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me. The purpose of the preceding review is to provide advice regarding surface water conditions based on the information provided in the above referenced documents. The conclusions, opinions, and recommendations of the reviewer are based on information provided by others, except where otherwise specifically noted. A lack of specific comment by the reviewer is not to be construed as endorsing the content or views expressed in the reviewed material.



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c: Sam Shippam, Senior Environmental Officer, Thunder Bay District
cc: Technical Support File #: SW 07 02.

To:

Melissa Fast – Hydro One Community Relations

Re:

Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project

Draft Terms of Reference

Reference Route Alternative in the Dorion and Loon Lake Area (Twinning existing Hydro line along Loon Lake)

This letter is written on behalf of the residents and campers at East Loon Lake to convey our opposition to the proposed alternative route outlined in the Draft Terms of Reference for the Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project. This proposed alternative route would twin the existing Hydro transmission line that currently exists on the northern side of Loon Lake.

We find it necessary to first point out that Loon Lake is not part of Dorion. Loon Lake is situated in Shuniah Township. It is necessary for you to recognize that we are a community separate from Dorion with our own set of concerns and objections.

From 2014 to 2016, our Association met with Nextbridge representatives on several occasions within Shuniah and Thunder Bay to discuss our concerns with the proposed routing of the East West Tie adjacent to Loon Lake. Please give our community the recognition that we deserve by holding future meetings, if required, to discuss the Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project in either Shuniah or Thunder Bay.

This spring, representatives of Hydro One held a community meeting at the Victoria Inn to share the draft Terms of Reference for the Lake Superior Link. At that meeting, only one route from Thunder Bay to Dorion was presented. This was the same path that Nextbridge had determined it would be using, and members of our Association were assured by Hydro One representatives at this meeting that Hydro One would follow this same path and would not twin the existing line along Loon. Now that has all changed and we feel that Hydro One has misled our community.

Comments were made by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) during the review of the draft Terms of Reference. The MNRF views the Lake Superior Link project as a new undertaking, completely separate from the Nextbridge project. How can this be when Hydro One is now examining the exact same path that Nextbridge has already studied and rejected?

The draft Terms of Reference state that the project will “enhance safety and security of electrical supply” (4.2.1). With weather events becoming more severe and unpredictable, what would happen to a twinned transmission line that is struck by a

tornado or ice storm? Separating the transmission line to follow different paths would provide a greater guarantee that the security of the electrical supply would be protected.

Loon Lake is a beautiful lake steeped in history and tradition. Today, more than 200 families enjoy a wide-range of lake-based activities that provide a wealth of happy times and great memories.

These families have been good stewards of the lake for almost a century. They created two, separate campers' associations that look after the interests of the lake's water quality and any development that threatens the integrity of the lake.

The East Loon Lake Campers' Association is gravely concerned that Hydro One and its project could jeopardize much that we cherish about Loon Lake.

Hydro One wants to build a second high voltage transmission line parallel to the one that currently runs along the North side of Loon Lake. That first line was erected in the 1960's by Ontario Hydro. It was built without giving notice to property owners at Loon Lake and with no environmental assessment.

In order to build this second line, we are concerned that East Loon Road would be used to access the project site.

Our road is constantly used for many forms of active transportation all year round. The safety of children and adults walking, jogging and biking would be at risk when forced to share the roads with all the traffic this project would bring.

Our roadway was recently paved and is not designed for heavy equipment. We are concerned that the roads may be damaged. If damaged, will we, the property owners of Loon Lake, bear the burden of repairing our roads?

The noise and vibration produced by this traffic on the roads would prevent everyone from enjoying their time at Loon Lake. It also raises concerns that continuous heavy vibration would disrupt the water table and underground springs that feed the lake and wells around it.

Hydro One states that the existing transmission line's right-of-way would be widened and another set of towers would be erected.

Doubling the right of way for this second transmission line means the creation of a vast clear cut path within the watershed of Loon Lake.

Loon Lake is in a bowl. The largest expanse of the watershed lies to the north and west of the lake. The proposed transmission corridor would run directly through this key portion of watershed.

As property owners living in this delicate bowl, we believe that disturbing the watershed on such a scale will create additional erosion, impacting the flow of surface water and groundwater flow into the lake.

Many of us remember a clear-cut logging operation that occurred on the west and north end of Loon Lake a few years ago.

The heavy equipment on the land disrupted groundwater seeps into that portion of the lake. The water still doesn't flow to one, century-old shoreline artesian well.

We also know of one cottage owner who had to spend ten thousand dollars to filter out the disturbed ground sulphur that ended up in his well water.

Groundwater flow dynamics are very complex. Concrete footings are required to erect the towers. Blasting through bedrock to establish these footings could disrupt those sensitive groundwater seeps.

Wells that supply drinking water to residents and campers could be affected both in the amount and quality of water they supply. Disrupting this groundwater supply would also affect the health of the lake water.

Disrupting both surface water and ground water would affect the aquatic life in Loon Lake, from the vegetation and tiny organisms at the base of the food chain up to the fish and waterfowl that rely upon them. Loons, cormorants, eagles, bats and fish are just a few species that would be affected.

It is important to remember that Loon is a speckled trout lake, dependent on the integrity of the flow of these underground seeps that make their way into the lake by way of underwater springs.

Clearing the right of way and the transmission line construction would affect the diverse vegetation and wildlife that exists here. In addition, a doubled right-of-way will require double the amount of chemical herbicides to curb vegetation growth. This will all flow downhill to the lake. Again, what harm will this do to other vegetation in the area as well as the water quality of Loon Lake and its vegetation and wildlife? Blueberry picking is an activity that campers have enjoyed for generations on this land and it would be damaged by this project.

Members of the Loon Lake community have laid the ashes of deceased loved ones in the area of the proposed path. These were spread with the belief that their family members would lie in peace close to the Lake that they had loved. Construction of the proposed path would disturb those remains.

Once erected, the towers will have a devastating visual impact on the sightline of Loon Lake. The path for the second set of towers is on higher ground, uphill from the existing line. Both the towers and the missing vegetation will be visible. A double set of towers would be visible down the entire length of the lake.

Whether it was generations ago or in the present day, the property owners at Loon Lake have worked very hard to purchase their land for the specific purpose of finding peace and enjoyment from lakeside living.

The desire of people to be at Loon Lake is directly linked to the health and beauty of Loon Lake. If Hydro One proceeds with their proposed path, both the health and beauty will be diminished. As a result, the value of the property at Loon Lake which we have cared for, will also diminish.

The fact of the matter is that Loon Lake has already borne more than its share of the burden created by modern utilities. Besides the existing transmission line on the north shore of the lake, the CP Rail main line hugs the south shore. Just beyond the watershed is the Trans-Canada pipeline and a second power transmission line. Then there's the doubling of the Trans-Canada highway just to the south of that.

Hydro One has made no secret that the proposed path along Loon Lake is the most efficient and cost effective. But at what cost to us?

In 2016, when Nextbridge was considering the path along Loon Lake, a petition requesting that another path for this transmission line be found was circulated to residents and campers of Loon Lake. A majority of property owners signed this petition making it clear that we want the proposed path moved outside of Loon Lake's watershed.

We hope you will consider our concerns as your own. We are asking Hydro One to follow the preferred route, away from Loon Lake, as determined by Nextbridge, and reject the proposal to twin the existing transmission line along Loon Lake. We ask this of you so that Loon Lake, its environment and community, can be preserved for the present and for years to come.

Sincerely,

Thunder Bay's East Loon Lake Campers' Association Inc.

Will Goodman President

Zoie Yurick Secretary

Cc: Hon. Rod Phillips Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Cc: Shuniah Mayor Wendy Landry and Councillors Duff Stewart, Donna Blunt, Don Smith and Ron Giardetti

Comments on Revised Draft of Lake Superior Link Terms of Reference (Submitted August 3, 2018)
August 20, 2018

Comments provided by:

- Courtney Irvine, A/ Resource Management Officer II/ Impact Assessment Officer, Pukaskwa National Park, Parks Canada Agency
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- Marie-Claude Martel, Impact Assessment Specialist, Natural Resource Conservation Branch, Parks Canada Agency

In document 20180807_Lake Superior Link Draft RoC for the Proposed ToR – Parks Canada Comment and Responses Table

PNP-7: The Response Provided by Hydro One “The text has been removed revised to acknowledge the new License of Occupation will be approved following the completion of a DIA” is incorrect. However, the text of sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 is mostly correct.

In Revised Draft of Lake Superior Link Terms of Reference

Section 2.2.2

- “Upgrades to infrastructure within the Park to quad-circuit towers as part of the Lake Superior Link Project ~~are allowable~~ **can be considered within the existing License of Occupation agreement, provided all federal laws and policies including the results of the detailed impact assessment, and Indigenous consultation obligations are fulfilled.**”
- “The completion of a Detailed Impact Assessment will be necessary to fulfill Section 67 of the CEAA 2012 legal requirement for the section of the Reference Route which passes through Pukaskwa National Park. **The Detailed Impact Assessment will identify the potential effects of the Lake Superior Link Project to natural and cultural resources within Pukaskwa National Park and identify results of consultations with public, stakeholder and Indigenous groups about this Project within Pukaskwa National Park.**”

Section 5.2.3

- Figures 4 and 5 should designate light green areas as provincial parks, national parks and ANSIs

Section 5.2.7

- Table 6 – *Rangifer tarandus* was observed in Pukaskwa National Park in 2016



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Sent via email and regular mail

Dear Steven,

Re: **Comments from the Township of Dorion regarding Hydro One's Revised Terms of Reference – Lake Superior Link Project**

Further to previous consultation and Hydro One's deputation to Council, at our regular meeting held on August 14, 2018, Council wishes to comment on Hydro One's updated terms of reference.

As you know, Dorion Council and a committee appointed by Council, the Dorion Concerned Citizen Committee [DCCC], met several times over the past few years with Nextbridge to agree upon a route [The "Dorion Bypass"] that would have minimal impact on our community, compared to a line parallel to an existing line.

We realize that your preferred route is a line behind Ouimet Canyon; however, Council is concerned that the line paralleling the existing line is now being studied as a new Reference Route Alternative.

In summary, Council is supportive of a line [behind Ouimet Canyon] that was established by Nextbridge, after lengthy consultation with the Township of Dorion and a group representing the citizens of our community. Please be cognizant that we are absolutely opposed to a line paralleling the existing line through our community. If the latter is chosen, we will take every effort to oppose it.

We look forward to attending the Community Information Centre in Dorion on August 30, 2018.

Yours truly,

TOWNSHIP OF DORION

Ed Chambers, Reeve

Cc: Syd Ellis, Chair ~ Dorion Concerned Citizen Committee



August 21, 2018

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Via email: Paul.Dobson@HydroOne.com

Dear Mr. Dobson,

RE: Rejecting any renewed or replaced transmission within Pukaskwa National Park

CPAWS Wildlands League is writing to urgently request that you avoid Pukaskwa National Park in the proposed Lake Superior Link Transmission Project. This Hydro One project is currently undergoing consultation on its revised draft Terms of Reference for an independent environmental assessment under the province's *Environmental Assessment Act* and its preferred route would extend through the National Park.

Wildlands League does not support renewing or replacing existing transmission through Pukaskwa National Park because it is inconsistent with the maintenance and restoration of ecological integrity (the first priority in managing all aspects of the Park). We urgently advise Hydro One to use an alternative around the Park called the Reference Route Alternative.

Hydro One's preferred route through the Park would delay restoration of the Park's ecological integrity and ultimately lead to more fragmentation and disturbance within the Park. This is not in the public interest and not consistent with the first priority of maintaining and restoring ecological integrity. A line through the Park, including a proposal to renew or replace existing transmission, must be rejected because it would be moving park management in the wrong direction on the ecological integrity continuum. Hydro One must avoid Pukaskwa National Park and phase out the existing transmission line so the Park's ecological integrity can be restored, allowing the Park to fulfill its proper role in helping to preserve the nation's biodiversity.

In May of this year, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and Minister responsible for Parks Canada issued a formal declaration¹ reaffirming that "ecological integrity is the first priority in considering all aspects of management of national parks – through focused investments, limiting development, and by working with Indigenous peoples, provinces and territories." We welcome and support this statement as it reflects our long standing position too.

¹ See <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/minister-mckenna-affirms-ecological-integrity-is-the-first-priority-in-the-management-of-parks-canada-681944261.html>

Wildlands League has been following the planning for East-West Tie Expansion Project. We shared our view over five years ago directly with proponent NextBridge Infrastructure that any proposed transmission line must avoid Pukaskwa National Park in order to maintain and restore the ecological integrity of the Park. We were pleased to see that proponent's preferred route avoid the National Park. This is also consistent with Parks Canada's direction in 2014 to not allow a study of a route through the Park by then Acting Field Superintendent R. Lessard. This was and still is the correct course of action. Limiting development in the Park is what's needed at this time.

As you may know, Canada is not immune to the biodiversity crisis gripping the planet. Our national parks are key anchors in our country's protected areas network and we cannot allow them to continue to be degraded. We need them and other new protected areas if we are going to reverse the decline of biodiversity and meet our obligations under the Convention for Biological Diversity. Wildlands League strongly urges Hydro One to avoid Pukaskwa National Park in order to limit development within the Park, to demonstrate support for affirming maintenance and restoration of ecological integrity as the first priority for Park management, and to support the phase out of the existing transmission line so that the corridor and Park's ecological integrity can be restored.

We understand that Hydro One is committed to the communities it serves, and has been rated highly in Canada for its corporate citizenship, sustainability, and diversity initiatives. In order to maintain your reputation as a top utility in Canada for sustainability, we strongly advise you to avoid Pukaskwa National Park.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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August 21, 2018

Melissa Fast
Community Relations
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Re: Hydro One Lake Superior Link Transmission Project revised draft Terms of Reference

Dear Melissa:

This letter is written on behalf of the members of the West Loon Lake Campers Association (WWLCA) to convey the Association's strong opposition to the Reference Route Alternative in the Dorion/Loon Lake Area proposed in the revised draft Terms of Reference.

Loon Lake is a high-value recreational area with more than 200 seasonal and year round residential waterfront properties. The existing 230kV transmission line on the north shore of the lake is clearly visible from most properties. The towers and lines are both unsightly and take away from the beauty and natural surroundings of the Lake. Construction of a new transmission line in the existing transmission corridor will have a large negative impact on an area that provides cultural, recreational, social and economic benefit for a large population of residents.

The subject Reference Route Alternative Section was previously considered by Nextbridge Inc. during their EA study. It was later abandoned for a more favorable route near the Greenwich wind farm and Escape Lake Rd corridor. This route had many benefits including passage through predominantly Crown land, industrial road access, minimal impacts on recreational and residential properties, and minimal encroachment on many of the sensitive speckled trout lakes in the area. This is the Reference Route being considered by Hydro One and it is the only route that was presented by Hydro One during many public consultations.

Hydro One only recently introduced a new Reference Route Alternative Section. This was done without appropriate public information and consultation, and only 4 business days (Aug 15 – Aug 21) have been allowed for public comment. Hydro One has stated that the new Reference Route Alternative Section must be considered based on feedback received on the draft TOR from the MNR, however documents and feedback made available to the public lack any rationale for the inclusion of the new route.

It is the opinion of the WLLCA that Hydro One is attempting to re-establish the study of an inferior route with many significant and unwelcome impacts as a low-cost route option for the project, and clearly to the detriment of the residents Loon Lake area. As such, the WLLCA respectfully requests that Hydro One immediately remove this Reference Route Alternative Section from the draft TOR.

Sincerely,

Maggie Nattress, President

On behalf of the West Loon Lake Campers' Association

	Agency Comment	Hydro One Response Provided	ToR Section Revision	MECP Response
Antonia Testa, Special Project Officer, EAPB				
MECP - 1	<p>Supporting documentation is needed to confirm or validate any statements or conclusions made in the draft ToR.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.3.2 of the ministry's Code of Practice, it is the ministry's expectation that:</p> <p>Information contained in the supporting documentation should support Hydro One's proposal by providing justification for the choices made, outline other processes or initiatives which provides the rationale, and details of processes or methods used. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a more detailed description of the problem or opportunity that prompted the proposed study; • more information and details about studies or events that triggered the Hydro One's involvement with the proposed study; and • further background information supporting the selection of alternatives for further study. <p>Any supporting documentation provides more detailed information that will assist the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and other persons in understanding the planning process that Hydro One carried out in order to arrive at the proposal.</p> <p>Reference to the part of the ToR which is</p>	<p>Supporting documentation including reports, needs assessments, technical details and letters have been compiled and will be provided with the ToR and RoC.</p> <p>In addition to the supporting documentation, Section 1 of the ToR has been revised substantially to provide additional information on the background of the Project and the events that have led to the initiation of the Individual EA.</p>	<p>Section 1 has been revised, supporting document package to be provided with ToR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 2 of this revised draft ToR should include a table of contents that lists the supporting documents included in this appendix. • Appendix 2 should also include a summary of each supporting document upfront in the appendix. The information contained in theses summaries should support Hydro One's proposal. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a more detailed description of the problem or opportunity that prompted the proposed study; ○ more information and details about studies or events that triggered the Hydro One's involvement with the proposed study; and ○ further background information supporting the selection of alternatives for further study <p>References to the supporting documentation should be made throughout the ToR, particularly if referring to a document contained in Appendix 2. For example, see comment 14, 15, 62 and 72.</p>

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	<p>being explained in more detail should be made. Likewise, the ToR should reference the supporting documentation.</p> <p>Supporting documentation (i.e. letters, assessments, reports etc.) should accompany the final ToR to confirm or validate any statements or conclusions made in the ToR.</p>			
MECP – 2	<p>No Record of Consultation was provided with the draft ToR for the ministry's review.</p> <p>A Record of Consultation is needed to describe the consultation carried out during the preparation of the ToR and the results of that consultation. It will be considered by the Minister in making the decision about whether to approve the ToR.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.3.1 of the ministry's Code of Practice, it is the ministry's expectation that the Record of Consultation will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify all persons consulted during the ToR preparation (personal names not required) and how they were identified; • Describe the consultation activities which took place (methods, schedule of events, notification that was given about the activity and materials used); • Describe how Indigenous communities were identified and how they were consulted; 	<p>Information contained within the comment will be submitted as part of the RoC.</p> <p>It will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify all persons consulted during the ToR preparation (personal names not required) and how they were identified; • Describe the consultation activities which took place (methods, schedule of events, notification that was given about the activity and materials used); • Describe how Indigenous communities were identified and how they were consulted; • Clearly and accurately summarize the comments made by all interested persons during the preparation of the ToR; • Describe Hydro One's response and how concerns were considered in the development of the ToR; • Describe any outstanding concerns; 	<p>Record of consultation will be provided with the ToR.</p>	<p>In accordance with Section 5.3.1 of the ministry's Code of Practice, please include a section in the Record of Consultation that clearly describes any outstanding concerns or issues.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly and accurately summarize the comments made by all interested persons during the preparation of the ToR; • Describe Hydro One's response and how concerns were considered in the development of the ToR; • Describe any outstanding concerns; • Include minutes of any meetings held with interested persons; • Include copies of written comments received from interested persons. <p>It is also the ministry's expectation that Hydro One will present a summary of the comments received and its responses to those comments in a table. As appropriate, the table should note where in the ToR the comment has been addressed. Comments from the general public should be arranged by type (for example, put all water quality comments together). For the Government Review Team and Indigenous communities, the comments should be organized by agency and community rather than by issue type.</p> <p>A Record of Consultation must accompany the final ToR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include minutes of any meetings held with interested persons; • Include copies of written comments received from interested persons. 		
MECP - 3	<p>No executive summary was provided in the draft ToR.</p> <p>Please include an executive summary at the beginning of the final ToR document.</p>	<p>Executive summary has been provided with the ToR document.</p>	<p>An executive summary was inserted at the beginning of the document (Page 2)</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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MECP – 4	<p>The ministry is no longer referred to as the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.</p> <p>All references to the ministry should be changed to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.</p>	<p>Government agency name change during draft review period has been recognized.</p>	<p>All sections of the ToR that referenced previous agency names have been updated (i.e. MOECC has been changed to MECP).</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 5	<p>In accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry’s Code of Practice, the EA should attempt to examine the interrelationships between the undertaking and its alternatives with a changing climate over time.</p> <p>The proponent should also consider whether there could be environmental effects resulting from effects of the proposal combined with effects of other past and future undertakings.</p> <p>As such, please include a commitment in the ToR that specifies the EA will consider climate change (adaptation and mitigation) and cumulative effects in the evaluation and assessment of alternatives and the preferred undertaking.</p> <p>To facilitate this assessment and evaluation, refer to the ministry’s guide “Consideration of Climate Change in Environmental Assessment in Ontario” and the federal document “Cumulative Effects Assessment Practitioners’ Guide”.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please include this commitment in the appropriate corresponding sections of the ToR document (i.e. Section 4.5 and 7 of this</p>	<p>The EA will consider climate change adaptation and mitigation and cumulative effects in the evaluation and assessment of alternatives and the preferred undertaking.</p>	<p>Section 4.5 and Section 7 changed to reflect commitment to climate change adaptation.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	draft ToR).			
MECP – 6	<p>Section 1, Page 10</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph:</p> <p>“The first key step of the EA process is the preparation of a ToR”</p> <p>“Hydro One will prepare the EA in accordance with the framework laid out in the ToR document and in accordance with...”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	Revised sections for clarity as presented.	Section 1.1 has been modified to provide additional clarity and information.	<p>Section 1, Page 11 of the revised draft ToR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph: <p>“... Hydro One has initiated the first key step in the EA process for the Lake Superior Link...”</p>
MECP – 7	<p>Section 1.1, page 10</p> <p>What are the three separate entities (i.e. Ontario Power Generation, Hydro One, and the IESO) responsible for and/or what are their mandates?</p> <p>Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	Provided additional information on the three separate entities.	Section 1.1 has been modified to provide additional clarity and information.	No further comment.
MECP – 8	<p>Section 1.1, page 10</p> <p>The three bullets points are confusing. Why is the bullet format used for these points?</p> <p>Need more context with these bullets in order to provide more clarity. For instance:</p> <p>Does the IPSP refer to the 20 year energy</p>	<p>Removed bullet points.</p> <p>IPSP refers to the 20 year energy plan. Link between LSL, IESO and IPSP has been made.</p> <p>Supply mix has been defined and clarified.</p> <p>OEB has been defined, role clarified, and provided responsibility and mandate.</p>	Section 1.1 has been modified to provide additional clarity and information.	No further comment.

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	<p>plan? Clarify how they are related?</p> <p>Who and/or how was the government given discretion to determine further supply mix? What does “supply mix” mean?</p> <p>Define the term OEB. What is their responsibility and/or mandate? How do they fit into the overall project/process?</p> <p>Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>			
MECP – 9	<p>Section 1.1, page 11</p> <p>Provide more information on the IPSP and/or 20 year energy plan (2007). What was its focus, goals, targets etc.?</p> <p>Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>Information on IPSP focus and goals provided.</p>	<p>Section 1.1 has been modified to provide additional clarity and information.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 10	<p>Section 1.1, page 11</p> <p>What does the Framework for Transmission Project Development Plans discuss in regards to the development and/or planning of transmission projects?</p> <p>Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>Expanded on FTPDP.</p>	<p>Section 1.1 has been modified to provide additional clarity and information.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 11	<p>Section 1.2, page 11</p> <p>Please clarify what activities/processes have been completed regarding upgrades</p>	<p>A discussion around the modifications and upgrades to existing Transformer stations has been added to a new</p>	<p>Section 4.2.8 has been created to discuss transformer station</p>	<p>Section 4.2.8, page 37-38, of the revised draft ToR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity and flow,

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	<p>to the associated transformer station infrastructure.</p> <p>Why were these upgrades not included as part of this environmental assessment project?</p> <p>The discussion regarding the upgrades to the associated transformer station infrastructure should be provided in Section 4 of this ToR document.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please include a description of the work done regarding the transmission stations and justification and rationale for conducting this work independently of this environmental assessment project.</p>	<p>Section under Section 4.2.8.</p>	<p>expansions.</p>	<p>consider separating the discussion for each TS into separate paragraphs. For instance, a paragraph that only discusses the EA triggers and the project status for the Marathon TS, followed by another paragraph that discusses the Wawa TS etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Class EA projects are considered approved if they have successfully followed the planning process in the approved parent Class EA document and no Part II Order requests were received. As such, it is the subsequent permits and approvals that will not be issued until a decision on the EWT EA. Since this permit discussion does not pertain to the Class EA process, it does not need to be included in the ToR. Please remove the following statement: <p>“These TS expansions are reliant upon the approval of the transmission line, and it is expected that a Minister’s decision will be withheld until such a time as a decision is made on the East-West Tie Corridor Expansion Individual EAs.”</p> • However, it would be

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				informative to include a list of the subsequent permits and approvals needed for the TS projects.
MECP – 12	<p>Section 1.2, general</p> <p>Please avoid any direct references to NextBridge or the NextBridge EA project. If necessary, NextBridge should be referred to as the “designated electricity transmitter”.</p> <p>Please avoid direct comparisons to the NextBridge EA project. For example: “as compared to the NextBridge proposal... Lake Superior Link project... has a lower estimated cost, a smaller environmental footprint...”</p> <p>Also avoid any subjective comments regarding the NextBridge EA project. For instance: “In response to the concerns... Hydro One is proposing its East-West Tie Line project, called “Lake Superior Link”, to protect the interests of the public and ratepayers.”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please remove references to NextBridge or the NextBridge EA project. Please remove any comparisons or subjective comments regarding the NextBridge EA project.</p>	<p>NextBridge references and subjective comments have been removed. NextBridge has been replaced with ‘designated electricity transmitter.’</p>	<p>Section 1.2 has been modified to remove NextBridge references.</p>	<p>Section 1.2, page 14 (third paragraph) of this revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please avoid detailed references to the NextBridge EA project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The discussion regarding project costs should be presented at a high level, without specific details. State in general terms that there were concerns with the scale of cost increases. ○ Specific numbers/figures and quotes are not necessary. It is recommended these references be removed. Those who are interested can obtain these specific details in Appendix 2. • Why is this discussion regarding project cost relevant? Was it the catalyst for an updated needs assessment which further justifies the need for the project? This is not clearly articulated.
MECP – 13	Section 1.2, general	Information on the existing EWT has	Section 1.2 has been modified to provide	No further comment.

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	<p>Provide more information on the current/existing East-West Tie transmission corridor. What does it currently consist of? How old is the infrastructure? etc.</p> <p>Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>been added.</p>	<p>information on the existing EWT.</p>	
MECP – 14	<p>Section 1.2, general</p> <p>A better summary of the past provincial analysis and decision regarding the need and/or justification for the project is required.</p> <p>The description of the historical events related to the proposed expansion of the East-West Tie corridor is confusing and too vague. This information should be presented in a clear and comprehensive chronological summary of events.</p> <p>More information, detail and context are needed in order to fully understand and to justify the need for the project. For instance, provide more detail and context regarding the LTEP. What is the LTEP? Why was it updated? What is its focus, goals, key elements etc.?</p> <p>Also, provide more information for each of the bullet points on page 12. For instance, for bullet number 2, what does it mean to be the “designated electricity transmitter”? How does OEB decide who is designated and who is not? Can more than one proponent be designated?</p>	<p>A more fulsome summary of the past provincial analysis and decision regarding the need and/or justification for the project has been provided.</p> <p>Chronology and additional information for the decision making and background part of the Project has been added. More information on the LTEP is found throughout Section 1.</p> <p>More information in the bullet point summary is found in the preceding paragraphs.</p> <p>East-West Tie has been renamed to the expansion of the East-West Tie corridor where prudent.</p>	<p>Section 1.2 has been modified to provide additional clarity and information.</p>	<p>Section 1.2, page 12-15 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity and flow, this section should also include references to Appendix 2 after a supporting document is first introduced so that those who are interested in obtaining more information can find specific supporting documents easily and efficiently.

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	<p>Lastly referring to a summary of the “East-West Tie project” is confusing because there is currently another EA project with the same name. It would be better to frame it as the summary of the proposed expansion of the East-West Tie corridor.</p> <p>Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p> <p>Please provide supporting documentation to confirm and validate the information provided in the bullet points (See Comment #1).</p> <p>Supporting documentation (i.e. letters, assessment, reports etc.) should establish the need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity transmission. For instance, summarize documents that established the need specifically in northern Ontario • The project. For instance, summarize in detail the analysis and reporting that has been undertaken (to date) regarding the need for the project in northern Ontario. 			
MECP – 15	<p>Section 1.4, general</p> <p>This section must clearly state what the purpose is for the study and for the undertaking.</p> <p>What does Hydro One wish to achieve by engaging in the environmental assessment process? Why does Hydro One need to do this particular undertaking? What is the particular</p>	<p>Additional clarity for the purpose of the study and undertaking has been added, including referencing supporting documentation for the need for the project.</p>	<p>Section 1.4 has been modified to provide additional clarity and information.</p>	<p>Section 1.4, page 15 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph: <p>“The purpose of the EA study is to determine the preferred undertaking and</p>

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	<p>problem to be solved or alleviated? What is the opportunity which is to be pursued?</p> <p>If the need for the project has been satisfied and established by a defined planning process, then that needs to be clearly presented in the ToR and the associated supporting documentation must be provided (See Comments #1 and #14).</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide supporting documentation to confirm and validate the information provided (See Comment #1 and #14).</p>			<p>to assess the natural..."</p>
<p>MECP – 16</p>	<p>Section 1.5, general</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, the following organizational changes to the ToR document are recommended: “Taken together, The ToR document is organized into the following sections of the ToR are intended in order to satisfy the requirements under Section 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) of the EA Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory Framework for the Project (Section 2) • Overview of the EA Process and Approval Requirements for the Project Indication of how the EA will be Prepared (Section 3) • Description of the Undertaking and Evaluation of Alternative Methods (Section 4) 	<p>The sections have been renamed and reorganized.</p>	<p>Section 1.5 modified to incorporate new ToR structure and title names.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation (Section 5) • Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area (Section 5) • Identification and Evaluation of Alternative Methods (Section 6) • Potential Environmental Effects Evaluation Assessment and Mitigation Measures (Section 7) • Commitments and Monitoring (Section 8) • Consultation (Section 9)” <p>Revise ToR document accordingly.</p>			
MECP – 17	<p>Section 2, general</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow of this section of ToR document, it is recommended this section be organized first by a discussion of the provincial regulatory framework, and then followed by the discussion of the federal regulatory framework.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	<p>Provincial and Federal regulatory framework headings have been created with specific regulatory subheadings.</p>	<p>Section 2 has been reorganized to incorporate federal and provincial headings.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 18	<p>Section 2, page 15</p> <p>The first paragraph of this section discusses other permits and approval activities and applications. To improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it is recommended this paragraph be moved to Section 2.6 which discusses other relevant provincial legislation, permits and</p>	<p>Section discussing other permits has been moved and the suggested revisions have been incorporated into the document.</p>	<p>Section 2 has been modified with some text moved to Section 2.1.5 (old Section 2.6).</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	<p>policies.</p> <p>The first paragraph refers to the construction phase; however it is suggested to keep the discussion of other permits and approval activities more general.</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph:</p> <p>“Hydro One will identify all necessary approvals that may be required during project planning and construction. Where practical appropriate, Hydro One will begin preparation of construction-related applications initiate other permit and approval activities and applications concurrent with the EA process. It will be necessary to initiate some permit and approval activities or applications during the EA process including any required consultation activities with members of the public, municipalities, agencies, and Indigenous communities and groups. It should be noted that some other permits and approvals for construction typically rely on more detailed engineering and design information than is available during the EA process. In this event, Hydro One will carry out required studies necessary to support those approvals prior to start of construction, following the completion of the EA. The following sections outline the framework for regulatory approvals in Ontario for electricity transmission projects and how they apply to the Project.”</p>			

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MECP – 19	<p>Section 2.1, page 15</p> <p>Please specify that this undertaking is a Category C project under the Electricity Regulation (O.Reg 116).</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide additional information on how the project is captured under O.Reg 116.</p>	Specified that Lake Superior Link is a Category C project under the Electricity Regulation. Additional information of O.Reg. 116/01 has been added.	Section 2.1 has been revised to include Category C designation.	No further comment.
MECP – 20	<p>Section 2.1, page 15</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the third paragraph of Section 2.1:</p> <p>“Hydro One is required to complete and submit a ToR to the MOECC for review and approval as illustrated on Figure 2. The purpose of the ToR is to provide the overall study framework for the planning and decision making process that will be followed during the EA...”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	Text has been revised according to comment.	Section 2.1 revised with updated text.	No further comment.
MECP – 21	<p>Section 2.1, page 17</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph on this page:</p> <p>“Should the ToR be approved by the Minister of the Environment of Climate Change Conservation and Parks, it will be used by Hydro One to guide the completion of the EA to ensure that it meets the intent fulfills the requirements</p>	The ToR will be submitted for reviewed and approved by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. If approved, the ToR will then be used by Hydro One to direct the EA process to fulfill the requirements of the EA Act and other regulatory requirements. The resulting EA process will be then documented in an EA Report to be submitted to the MECP for review and approval.	Section 2.1.1 modified to reflect text changes.	<p>Section 2.1.1, page 20 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph: <p>“The ToR will be submitted for reviewed and approved by the Minister...”</p>

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	<p>of the EA Act and any other applicable requirements. The results of the EA process will then be documented in an EA Report to be submitted to the MOECC MECP for review and approval.</p> <p>There are two key documentation requirements for the an application for approval to proceed with an undertaking under subsection 5(1) of the EA Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development, submission, review and approval of the ToR; and, • the preparation, submission, review and approval of the EA document in accordance with the framework set out in the MOECC MECP approved ToR.” 	Suggested text modifications have been implemented.		
MECP – 22	<p>Section 2.1, page 17</p> <p>Table 1 and its preceding paragraph proposes how the EA will be prepared. To improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it would be more appropriate for this information to be moved to Section 3.0 of this ToR document.</p> <p>Revise ToR document accordingly.</p>	Table 1 moved to section 3 of the ToR.	Table 1 (now Table 3) moved to section 3 of the ToR.	No further comment.
MECP – 23	<p>Section 2.1, page 17</p> <p>More information and detail is required to support the “reason for proceeding with this undertaking has been established by the IESO...”</p> <p>See Comment #14.</p>	More information has been documented in Section 1 to support the IESO determination of need for the project.	Text has been moved to Section 3 as per Comment 22 (previously Section 2.1).	No further comment.

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MECP – 24	<p>Section 2.1, page 17</p> <p>Please provide further information on “focusing of the EA”. Define the term “focusing”. What does it mean to focus the EA? What general requirements will not be addressed in the EA? etc.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide additional information in Section 3.0 of this ToR document.</p>	<p>More information has been provided to support the ‘focusing’ of the EA IESO determination of need for the project.</p>	<p>Section 3 has been modified (previously Section 2.1).</p>	<p>Section 2.1.1, page 28-29 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity and flow, consider the following revision to the last paragraph: <p>“...are not fully fleshed out. Proponents will submit an EA under subsection 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) of the EA Act if there is a more defined planning process and more details of the project are already known. This is generally referred to as a ‘focused EA’. The reason for proceeding with this undertaking has been established... The focused EA will meet the requirements of subsection 6.1(2) and will not assess ‘alternatives to’ and not reexamine the ‘purpose of the undertaking’ but will include a ‘Do Nothing’ alternative.”</p>
MECP – 25	<p>Section 2.1, Table 1, page 17</p> <p>Please correct references to “Section 0”.</p> <p>Revise Table accordingly.</p>	<p>Section references have been corrected.</p>	<p>Table 1 (now Table 3) has been modified accordingly.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 26	<p>Section 2.1, Table 1, page 17, row 2</p> <p>In order to provide flexibility to accommodate new circumstances, consider the following revision:</p>	<p>Suggested revision has been implemented.</p>	<p>Table 1 (now Table 3) has been modified accordingly.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	<p>“ii) The EA will evaluate and assess two alternative reference routes alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking”.</p> <p>Revise Table accordingly.</p>			
MECP – 27	<p>Section 2.1, Table 1, page 17, row 2</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.5 of the Code of Practice, the “Do Nothing” alternative should always be considered. It acts as a starting point for the comparison of alternatives.</p> <p>See Comment #42. Revise Table accordingly.</p>	‘Do Nothing’ alternative will be evaluated.	Table 1 (now Table 3) has been modified accordingly.	No further comment.
MECP – 28	<p>Section 2.1, Table 1, page 18, row 1, column 1</p> <p>Alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking should be included in the “description of...”</p> <p>Revise Table accordingly.</p>	Description of is a copied heading from the EA Act. Assessing alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking has been added to Table 3.	Table 3 has been modified.	<p>There seems to be some confusion regarding the row and column references in my original comments. As such, to improve clarity and flow, please revise Table 3 of the revised draft ToR accordingly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> page 29, row 1, column 3: <p>“The EA will describe the purpose of the undertaking and alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking.”</p> Page 30, row 1, column 1: <p>“(iii) the actions necessary or that may reasonably be expected to prevent, change, mitigate or remedy the effects upon or the effects that might</p>

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				reasonably be expected upon the environment by the undertaking and the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking "
MECP – 29	<p>Section 2.1, Table 1, page 18, row 2</p> <p>Alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking should be included in “an evaluation of advantages and disadvantages...”</p> <p>Revise Table accordingly</p>	Alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking will be assessed in an evaluation of advantages and disadvantages.	Table 3 has been modified.	<p>There seems to be some confusion regarding the row and column references in my original comments. As such, to improve clarity and flow, please revise Table 3 of the revised draft ToR accordingly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 30, row 2, column 1: <p>“(d) an evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages to the environment of the undertaking and the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking”</p> Page 30, row 2, column 3: <p>“The EA will provide an evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages to the environment of the undertaking and the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking”</p>
MECP – 30	Section 2.3	Added information on OEB consultation.	Change made in section	No further comment.

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	<p>Are there any opportunities for public and/or Indigenous consultation? If so, please describe.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information (if any) in this section of the ToR.</p>		2.1.3 (old Section 2.3).	
MECP – 31	<p>Section 2.4</p> <p>What is meant by “the fee simple interest...” in the statement “Property Owners will be offered the choice of Hydro One acquiring either an easement or the fee simple interest in the lands required for the Project.”?</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>Fee simple interest is ownership of the land and any improvements to the land in perpetuity. This has been clarified in the text.</p>	<p>Section 2.1.4 has been modified to provide clarity on fee simple interest.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 32	<p>Section 2.5, page 21</p> <p>In order to clearly demonstrate that this undertaking is not a “designated project” under federal regulation, please provide further information on the requirements outlined in the federal regulation designating physical activities.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>Federal regulators provided further comments on Project designation and federal regulation and revisions have added clarity to the section.</p>	<p>Section 2.2 has been revised with additional information from federal regulators.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 33	<p>Section 2.5, page 21</p> <p>Please include the November 27, 2017 letter from Parks Canada in your Record of Consultation.</p>	<p>Letter will be included with record of consultation.</p>	<p>Record of Consultation will include Parks Canada letter.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	Please provide the additional information as part of the Record of Consultation (See Comment 2).			
MECP – 34	<p>Section 2.5, general</p> <p>Provide more information regarding Section 67 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (i.e. what does it state, what requirements does it outline etc.). Also, for improved clarity and flow, it is recommended a subheading be included for the discussion regarding Section 67.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>Subheading for Section 67 added. Additional information on Section 67 has been added to the Section 67 section.</p>	<p>Section 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 have been modified to incorporate additional information.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 35	<p>Section 2.5, general</p> <p>What consultation has been conducted to date with ISC, CEAA and other federal authorities?</p> <p>Please provide the additional information as part of the Record of Consultation (See Comment 2).</p>	<p>Consultation with Federal authorities has been documented in the Record of Consultation.</p>	<p>No change required.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 36	<p>Section 2.6, general</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow, it is suggested to organize the permits and/or approvals listed according to the responsible Ministry. Consider using a table format.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Table format has been added.</p>	<p>Table 1 has been added.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 37	<p>Section 2.6, general</p>	<p>A statement similar to Comment 39 was</p>	<p>Statement added in</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	<p>Include a statement at the end of this section that states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a preliminary list • This list is subject to change as the project is further developed and refined • A final list will be outlined the EA document. <p>Use similar wording as the last paragraph in Section 2.7 of this ToR document (See Comment #39).</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	provided at the end of this section.	Section 2.2.5.	
MECP – 38	<p>Section 2.7, general</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow, it is suggested to organize the permits and/or approvals listed according to the responsible federal agency. Consider using a table format.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	Federal approvals and permits have been listed in a table format.	Table 2 has been created in Section 2.2.5.	No further comment.
MECP – 39	<p>Section 2.7, page 23</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow, consider the following revision to the third paragraph of Section 2.1:</p> <p>“Section 2.0 provided a preliminary list of other federal permits and approvals that may be necessary for the Project. This list is subject to change as the Project is further developed and refined. All federal</p>	Statement has outlined adaptability and flexibility of permits and approvals for both provincial and federal authorities.	Statements have been added to Section 2.1.5 and 2.2.5.	No further comment.

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	<p>permits and approvals that are necessary for the Project to proceed will be outlined in the EA document. It may not be practicable to complete all required surveys in relation to other approvals prior to submission of the EA document, but Hydro One will commit to continue and complete all information collection prior to construction following the completion of the EA.”.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>			
MECP – 40	<p>Section 3, page 24</p> <p>Need to provide more information and detail to support your statement: “Based on the previously conducted needs assessment and the prioritization of the project from regulatory bodies, a more focused approach to the EA will be utilized.”</p> <p>Please provide supporting documentation to confirm and validate the statement “Based on the previously conducted needs assessment and the prioritization of the project...” (See Comment #1 and #14).</p> <p>Please incorporate the discussion from Section 2.1 on “focusing” and Table 1 into this section of the ToR document (See Comment #24).</p> <p>Revise the ToR document and text accordingly.</p>	<p>Information for the needs assessment has been added to Section 1 and a sentence directing the reader there has been added.</p> <p>Rearrangement of sections has been completed as directed.</p>	<p>Discussion from previous Section 2.1 on focusing and Table 1 (now Table 3) has been moved to Section 3.0.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 41	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 1</p>	<p>Bullet revised.</p>	<p>Section 3.0 has been</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	<p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“a description of the Project and the purpose of the Project based on the recommendations and decisions of the IESO and the government;</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>		revised.	
MECP – 42	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 3</p> <p>In accordance with section 5.2.5 of the Code of Practice, the “Do Nothing” alternative should be considered.</p> <p>Please be advised that the “Do Nothing” alternative represents what is expected to happen if the problem or opportunity that prompted the EA process is not addressed. The “Do Nothing” alternative represents what is expected to happen if none of the alternatives being considered during the EA process are carried out. It represents the benchmark against which the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives being considered can be measured and compared.</p> <p>The “Do Nothing” alternative is not intended to be considered as a reasonable way in which the problem or opportunity that prompted the initiation of EA process can be addressed.</p> <p>It is the ministry's expectation that during the EA process proponents will consider a reasonable range of alternatives, which will be assessed against the “Do Nothing”</p>	The bullet has been revised to include a ‘Do Nothing’ alternative.	Section 3.0 has been revised.	No further comment.

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	<p>alternative.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>			
MECP – 43	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 4</p> <p>Incorrect reference to alternative methods. Statement should refer to alternatives to.</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“the EA will not include a description and rationale of alternatives to methods of carrying out the Project as it has already been extensively studied by the OPA and IESO regulator and the preferred alternative to has already been identified. However, the EA will include a description of and statement of rationale for the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking such as identified reference route and reference route alternative will be considered for the Project as well as route alignment, design considerations and local refinements;”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>The text has been modified as presented.</p>	<p>Section 3.0 has been revised.</p>	<p>Section 3, page 27 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the forth bullet point: <p>“the EA will not include a description and rationale of alternatives to as it has already been extensively studied by the OPA and IESO and the preferred alternative to has already been identified...”</p>
MECP – 44	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 5</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision: “a description of the environment that will be affected, or might reasonably be expected to affected directly or indirectly by the Project and the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking routes considered;”</p>	<p>The text has been modified as presented.</p>	<p>Section 3.0 has been revised.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	Revise text accordingly.			
MECP – 45	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 6</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“an description evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages that will be caused or might reasonably be expected to be caused to the environment as a result of the Project, and the alternative methods of carrying out the Project;”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	The text has been modified as presented.	Section 3.0 has been revised.	No further comment.
MECP – 46	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 7</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow, this bullet point should come after bullet point 5.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	Bullet moved to bullet position 6.	Section 3.0 has been revised.	No further comment.
MECP – 47	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 8</p> <p>This statement is repetitive. It is already captured in in bullet point 6.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	Bullet deleted due to repetition.	Section 3.0 has been revised.	No further comment.
MECP – 48	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 8</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“description and documentation of the public, agency and stakeholder consultations and Indigenous communities and groups engagement and</p>	<p>Revised bullet point to further clarify.</p> <p>“description and documentation of the public, agency, stakeholder, and Indigenous communities and groups engagement and consultation undertaken during the EA process”.</p>	Section 3.0 has been revised.	No further comment.

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	<p>consultation undertaken during the EA process”.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>			
MECP – 49	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 9</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“pre and post development environmental monitoring plans, follow-up programs, and commitments (as necessary); and,</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	Text modified as presented.	Section 3.0 has been revised.	No further comment.
MECP – 50	<p>Section 3, page 24, bullet 10</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“supporting documents, maps, etc., or any other documents as required under the EA Act and its regulations, such as Ontario Regulation 334.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	Text modified and further clarified: <p>“supporting documents, maps, or any other documents as required under the EA Act and its regulations, such as O. Reg. 334.”</p>	Section 3.0 has been revised.	No further comment.
MECP – 51	<p>Section 3, page 24</p> <p>This list should include a commitment that the EA will include a description of the effects that will be caused or that might reasonably be expected to be caused to the environment. Should follow bullet point 5.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	Bullet added after point 5.	Section 3.0 has been revised.	No further comment.

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MECP – 52	<p>Section 3.1, general</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow, it is recommended this subsection be moved to the end of Section 3.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	Section 3.1 has been incorporated into Section 3.	Section 3.0 has been revised.	<p>Section 3, page 31 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first paragraph on this page should have been kept as its own separate subsection at the end of Section 3 (i.e. Section 3.2 Flexibility to Accommodate New Circumstances). Please revise the ToR document accordingly.
MECP – 53	<p>Section 3.1, page 25</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.10 of the ministry's Code of Practice, it is important that flexibility be incorporated when preparing the ToR document. However, flexibility is not to allow proponent to completely change the scope of their study at the EA stage. As such, consider the following revision:</p> <p>"...To address these potential changes, there is a requirement for flexibility within the ToR document to lay out a framework for a successful EA submission and subsequent construction and operational phases. Project design updates, study area refinements changes, novel information, and implementation of input from the consultation process are examples of new circumstances arising during a project lifecycle. These degrees of Flexibility allow proponents reasonable measures to address unforeseen circumstances but still maintain regulatory compliance throughout the project phases</p>	Text modified as presented.	Section 3.0 has merged Section 3.1 with the recommended modifications.	No further comment.

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	<p>without starting the ToR and EA process anew. Some of these changes are likely to be minor and have limited consequences while others may be more significant and require consultation with a number of stakeholders and agencies. Hydro One has prepared this ToR with the most complete state of knowledge at the time of its preparation but acknowledges the Project may need to adapt to new circumstances. If significant changes to the project are being considered, Hydro One will consult with the MECP to determine if the proposed changes can be accommodated with the framework of the ToR. ”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>			
MECP – 54	<p>Section 3.2, general</p> <p>When referencing the Code of Practice, specify which section(s) of the Code of Practice is being referenced.</p> <p>Revise the text accordingly</p>	<p>Added Section 4.3 reference to Code of Practice.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 section reference has been added.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 55	<p>Section 3.2, page 25</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first paragraph:</p> <p>“The EA will be prepared in accordance consistent with the requirements on the EA Act described in Section 2.4 and in accordance with the MECP’s Code Practice on Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario”</p>	<p>Text modified as presented.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 has been modified.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	Revise text accordingly.			
MECP – 56	<p>Section 3.2, page 26</p> <p>Please explain the term “reference reports”. Are they detailed technical studies completed in support of the EA?</p> <p>Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>Reference reports are detailed technical studies completed in support of the EA. This language has been clarified and a reference to Section 4.3 of the Code of Practice has been added.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 has been modified.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 57	<p>Section 4, general</p> <p>This section provides a description of the undertaking and an evaluation of alternative methods. Both these components are important requirements of the EA process. As such, to improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it would be more appropriate for this components to be separated into two separate sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 4 – “Description of the Undertaking”. This section includes Subsections 4.1, 4.6 & 4.7. • Section 5 – “Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives”. This section includes subsection 4.2 to 4.5. It should begin with a brief general summary explaining the two different types of alternatives the Environmental Assessment Act requires proponents to assess (i.e. ‘alternatives to’ and ‘alternative methods’ of carrying out an undertaking). <p>Revise ToR document accordingly.</p>	<p>Comment #16 has placed Identification and Evaluation of Alternative Methods as Section 6. Otherwise, sections have been split out accordingly.</p> <p>Alternative methods vs. alternatives to have been further clarified.</p>	<p>Sections 4 and 6 have been split out.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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MECP – 58	<p>Section 4, general</p> <p>Please clarify that this section provides a general description of the undertaking. Include a commitment that a more detailed description of the undertaking will be provided in the EA. This description should be sufficiently detailed to enable the identification an assessment of potential effects for all phases of the project.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Text has been revised with the following: “This section provides a general description of the undertaking. A more detailed description of the undertaking will be provided in the EA. The description within the EA will be sufficiently detailed to enable the identification and assessment of potential effects for all phases of the project.”</p>	<p>Section 4.0 has been revised.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 59	<p>Section 4.1, general</p> <p>Please clearly define the geographical boundaries of the study area. In accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry’s Code of Practice, the boundaries should adequately represent the geographical area within which the potential environmental effects of the alternatives being considered and the proposed undertaking are likely to occur and will be studied.</p> <p>Interested government agencies, Indigenous communities and members of the public rely upon the description of study area to determine whether the proposed undertaking and its alternatives may impact their respective jurisdictional mandate, Indigenous rights or interests. It is therefore important to explain how the boundaries of the study area were determined.</p> <p>In addition, please include a commitment</p>	<p>Comment 57 has placed Section 4.1 after Section 4, which includes the Study Area. This section is prior to the description of the existing environment and will remain in place.</p> <p>PSA, LSA and RSA have been defined and clarification on updating the study areas was added as an EA commitment.</p>	<p>Section 4.1 has been revised with further information.</p>	<p>Section 4.1, page 33 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry’s Code of Practice, before the existing environment is described, a study area must be defined. As such, it would be more appropriate to move subsection 4.1 to Section 5 of this revised draft ToR (i.e. as its own subsection before subsection 5.1 on page 41). Please revise the ToR document accordingly.

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	<p>that a more detailed description of the study area and how the boundaries of the study area were determined will be provided in the EA.</p> <p>Also, in accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry's Code of Practice, before the existing environment is described, a study area must be defined. As such, it would be more appropriate to move this section to Section 6 of this ToR document.</p> <p>Revise text and ToR document accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>			
MECP – 60	<p>Section 4.1, general</p> <p>Hydro One specifies that information from NextBridge's EA document will be used to supplement the Lake Superior Link EA. The ministry would like to emphasize that as outlined in our November 14, 2017 letter to Hydro One and reiterated in correspondence from March 16, 2018 and April 10, 2018; Hydro One's proposed Lake Superior Link Transmission Project is considered a new undertaking for the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act. As such, Hydro One is required to complete the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act including preparing technical studies for analysis and evaluation and consultation requirements. This information must be completed and submitted as part of the Lake Superior Link EA.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please remove</p>	<p>Reference to NextBridge has been removed. Clarification on assessment of areas previously studied has been made.</p>	<p>Section 4.1 updated to remove reference to NextBridge and clarification on scope of studies.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	references to NextBridge or the NextBridge EA project. See Comment #12.			
MECP – 61	<p>Section 4.2, general</p> <p>This section discusses alternatives to the project and therefore should be renamed “Alternatives To”.</p> <p>Revise heading accordingly.</p>	<p>Heading has been modified to ‘Alternatives To’.</p>	<p>Section 6.1 has been revised.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 62	<p>Section 4.2, general</p> <p>This subsection states that an extensive ‘alternatives to’ assessment (i.e. local generation and other transmission solutions etc.) had been previously performed by OPA and IESO, and the proposed expansion to the East West Tie corridor was identified as the preferred option.</p> <p>Although Hydro One is proposing to prepare a focused EA, a detailed summary of the assessment conducted by OPA and IESO should be presented in the ToR document. The ToR should include some analysis of ‘alternatives to’ to provide the necessary justification and rationale for why the expansion of the current East West Tie corridor is the preferred option. This information should also be confirmed and validated by providing supporting documentation.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly. Please provide a detailed summary and analysis of the ‘alternatives to’ assessment</p>	<p>Added reference to Section 1 which further outlines the IESO/OPA process to determine the scope and need of the Project. Supporting information is also available in an information packet.</p>	<p>Section 6.1 modified to include reference to other Section 1.</p>	<p>Section 6.1, page 68, of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed summary of the analysis conducted through OPA and IESO planning processes should be presented in the ToR document. • The ToR should include a summary of the analysis of ‘alternatives to’ (i.e. what options were considered, what were the conclusions? etc.) • This section should also include references to Appendix 2 so that those who are interested in obtaining more information can find specific supporting documents easily and efficiently.

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	conducted through OPA and IESO planning processes. Include any further details as supporting documentation.			
MECP – 63	<p>Section 4.2, page 27</p> <p>A reference to “East-West Tie project” is confusing because there is currently another EA project with the same name. It would be better to frame it as the summary of the proposed expansion of the East-West Tie corridor. To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“The expansion of the East-West tie project corridor has been identified by the Ministry of Energy, the OEB and the IESO as a priority project, as per an Order-in-Council issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on March 4, 2016. As such, this ToR proposes and will utilize a focused EA will be prepared method.”</p>	<p>The following text has been modified:</p> <p>“The East-West Tie Corridor Expansion project has been identified by the Ministry of Energy, the OEB and the IESO as a priority project, as per an Order-in-Council issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on March 4, 2016. As such, this ToR proposes a focused EA will be prepared. “</p>	Section 6.1 has been modified with updated text.	No further comment.
MECP – 64	<p>Section 4.2, page 28</p> <p>This paragraph is very confusing. At some points, it is unclear whether you are referring to alternatives to or alternative methods. To improve clarity, consider the following revision:</p> <p>“Under In accordance with subsections 6(2) (c) and 6.1(3) of the EA Act, a focused EA will be prepared. The assessment of alternatives to the undertaking and approach will take into account the IESO and OPA planning processes recommendations. As such, the need and method for the goals of the</p>	Alternative Methods have been moved to Section 6.3. The proposed text modifications have been implemented.	Section 6.1 modified, moved alternative methods to Section 6.3.	No further comment.

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	<p>project have has been clearly identified and the F&R EA will not contain an assessment of alternatives to the undertaking.</p> <p>It is also recommended that any discussion of alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking be moved to Section 4.4.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly</p>			
MECP – 65	<p>Section 4.3</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.5 of the Code of Practice, the “Do Nothing” alternative should always be considered. It acts as a starting point for the comparison of alternatives.</p> <p>See Comment #42. Revise this section accordingly.</p>	<p>The Do Nothing alternative will be considered. Text has been revised to reflect this approach.</p>	<p>Section 6.2 has been modified to include a Do Nothing alternative.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 66	<p>Section 4.4, general</p> <p>This section discusses alternatives methods of carrying out the undertaking and therefore should be renamed “Alternatives Methods of Carrying out the Undertaking”</p> <p>As such, there needs to be a clear statement at the beginning of this section listing the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking that will be identified, evaluated and assessed in the EA. This is not limited to just routing alternatives. For instance, alternative methods should include but not limited to:</p>	<p>Renamed “Alternatives Methods of Carrying out the Undertaking” section 6.3. Added additional methods and provided subsections for them.</p>	<p>Section 6.3 has been renamed.</p> <p>Added subsections 6.3.1., 6.3.2, and 6.3.3 for alternative routes, alternative designs, and local refinements.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative routes between the Thunder Bay and Wawa • Local refinements to the Reference Route • Alternative designs: <p>O Towers (i.e. types and specific siting), new access roads etc.</p> <p>This should be following by subsections for each of the above referenced alternative methods which will provide further information and preliminary details.</p> <p>Revise heading and text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>			
MECP – 67	<p>Section 4.4, general</p> <p>Need to expand on the explanation for limiting the number of route alternatives to be considered in the EA (i.e. connection criteria and Provincial Policy Statement). Our understanding is that there are a number of linear corridors that are located between Thunder Bay and Wawa. Why will the EA not identify, evaluate and assess all these potential corridors?</p> <p>If limiting the number of route alternatives to be considered in the EA, thorough justification and rationale is required. In accordance with section 5.2.5 of the Code of Practice, the ToR should provide justification for limiting the examination of alternatives and a statement of the rationale for the alternatives that will be</p>	<p>Text has been revised to the following:</p> <p>“There are a number of existing linear corridors between Thunder Bay and Wawa which would satisfy the connection criteria for the Project. The identified route alternatives have been presented due to cost, construction, operation, maintenance, reliability, stakeholder consultation and environmental concerns. Large portions of the proposed corridor have been previously studied and significant public and Indigenous consultation has gone into identifying the proposed route alternatives. Section 5.2.5 of the Code of Practice states the ToR should provide justification for limiting the examination of alternatives and a statement of the rationale for the alternatives that will be</p>	<p>Section 6.3.1 has been modified to include an explanation on route alternatives.</p>	<p>Section 6.3.1, page 70 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the second paragraph, what “sections below identify the transmission route that will be assessed” are you referring to? Clearly list the preliminary transmission routes that will be assessed.

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	<p>examined the EA. This should be accompanied by supporting documentation.</p> <p>Furthermore, provide background on the reference route and the justification for its use.</p> <p>If justification and rationale for limiting the number of route alternatives to be considered in the EA cannot be provided in the ToR, please include a commitment that a thorough screening of the route alternatives will be provided in the EA (i.e. the EA will identify, evaluate and assess a reasonable range of potential linear corridors that are located between Thunder Bay and Wawa).</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>examined the EA. A thorough screening of route alternatives will be provided in the EA.”</p>		
MECP – 68	<p>Section 4.4, page 29</p> <p>Section 5.2.5 of the ministry’s Code of Practice identifies a number of questions that can be used by proponents when determining the alternatives that should be considered during the EA process. These questions are designed to aid proponents in identifying and determining an initial range of alternatives, that may reasonably address the problem or opportunity that prompted the initiation of the EA process and be within a proponent’s ability to implement, that should be carried forward for further consideration during the EA process.</p>	<p>List of questions has been removed.</p>	<p>Removed list from Section 6.3.1.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	<p>These questions are not intended to be used as a means by which alternatives are compared and assessed or by which a preferred alternative is determined.</p> <p>Please remove text regarding the questions listed in section 5.2.5 of the ministry's Code of Practice.</p>			
MECP – 69	<p>Section 4.4.1, general</p> <p>Local refinements to the reference route might be required as a result of consultation, to avoid sensitive environmental features (natural, socio-economic, cultural etc.), technical considerations, and request of landowners. This needs to be clearly articulate in this subsection.</p> <p>Also, please statement that the need for local refinements to the reference route and final siting will be determined and evaluated during the EA process.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Added text:</p> <p>“Local refinements to the reference route might be required as a result of consultation, to avoid sensitive environmental features (natural, socio-economic, cultural etc.), technical considerations, and request of landowners. The need for local refinements to the reference route and final siting will be determined and evaluated during the EA process.”</p>	<p>Section 6.3.3 has been revised.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 70	<p>Section 4.4.1, page 30</p> <p>The last three paragraphs on this page briefly describe a preliminary list of criteria and indicators (i.e. Appendix 2 of the draft ToR) and a preliminary assessment and evaluation methodology that will be utilized during the EA process. However the discussion only refers to the alternatives methods related to local refinements to the reference route and is insufficient.</p>	<p>Text moved to Section 6.4 to discuss alternative methods (not just alternative routes).</p> <p>“When alternative methods are being considered, a local study area will be established. Data will be collected for environmental features within the study area to identify the preferred alternative method. This data is intended to assist in determining the overall effect of the ROW alignment on the natural, socio-economic</p>	<p>Last 3 paragraphs of Section 4.4.1 has been moved to Section 6.4 (old Section 4.5).</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	<p>To improve clarity and flow, any discussion of the preliminary list of criteria and indicators (i.e. Appendix 2 of the draft ToR) and a preliminary assessment and evaluation methodology should be moved to Section 4.5 of this ToR document.</p> <p>In addition, this discussion should be general and apply to all alternative methods. In accordance with Section 5.2.7 of the ministry's Code of Practice, it is the ministry's expectation that Hydro One will conduct a systematic evaluation of all the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking.</p> <p>Please remove text regarding preliminary list of criteria and indicators and the preliminary assessment and evaluation methodology. See Comment #71.</p>	<p>and cultural/built environments to develop appropriate mitigation measures. These evaluation criteria and indicators may be subject to refinement and modification during the EA process based on study findings, consultation and provincial policy. Technical, administrative and cost criteria will also be considered in this process."</p>		
MECP – 71	<p>Section 4.5, general</p> <p>The purpose of this section is to describe the approach to be taken in the assessment and evaluation of the alternatives in the EA. At the heart of the EA planning process in Ontario is the comparative analysis of alternatives, assessing advantages and disadvantages and determining the best alternative that is appropriate to address the problem or opportunity.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.7 of the ministry's Code of Practice, proponents must conduct a systematic evaluation of the alternatives.</p>	<p>Section 6.4 has been significantly amended and expanded to incorporate the suggested text inclusions and commitments for outlining the methodology to alternative method assessment.</p> <p>Information on development of the criteria and indicators was also added to the section and so were commitments to outline preliminary criteria, rationale and data sources and their refinement during consultation.</p>	<p>Section 6.4 has been modified.</p>	<p>Section 6.4, page 71-72 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <p>The information presented this section needs to be revised in order to improve clarity and flow. Information on data, criteria and indicators, evaluation methods etc. are all discussed intermittently throughout the section. However, this information should be presented in a more cohesive and logical manner.</p> <p>To facilitate the reorganization of Section 6.4, EAS offers the following recommendations:</p>

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	<p><u>Evaluation Methodology</u></p> <p>The ToR should either identify the evaluation method(s) to be used and the reason for its selection or outline the general parameters that will be used to identify the evaluation method(s) in the EA.</p> <p>Please clearly indicated at the evaluation method(s) will be used during EA process to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential environmental effects • Impact management measures • Net effects • advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives on the environment during all phases of the project (i.e. construction, operation, maintenance etc.). <p>The method(s) chosen must be able to produce an assessment that is clear logical and traceable.</p> <p><u>Criteria and Indicators</u></p> <p>The evaluation method(s) are based on a set of criteria and indicators. Sufficient information about the criteria and indicators, or how they will be developed, should be given in the ToR to ensure that they can be understood by interested persons who are then able to provide informed comments.</p> <p>For instance, the ToR should explain the</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve clarity: “In accordance with Section 5.2.7 of the Ministry’s Code of Practice, the this ToR will identify the evaluation methods to be used and the reason for its selection or outline the general parameters that will be used to identify the evaluation methods in the EA.” • In accordance with Section 5.2.7 of the ministry’s Code of Practice, consider using stepwise approach to organize your discussion of the assessment and evaluation process. For instance, a possible arrangement could include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Criteria and indicators – in order to evaluate alternatives, criteria and indicators must be developed 2. Collection of data – to inform criteria and indicators 3. Evaluating alternative methods. What method of comparative evaluation will be used? Clearly state that the evaluation methods will be developed and refined during the EA process to assess:

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	<p>rationale for the selection of each of the proposed criteria and indicators, and an explanation about how each criteria and indicator may be further developed during the EA process.</p> <p><u>Data Sources</u></p> <p>The main body of the ToR should state the potential data sources for the criteria and indicators that will be used during the EA process.</p> <p><u>Overall</u></p> <p>Please indicate that the information provided in this section is preliminary and more detail will be provided in the EA. Include a commitment in the ToR document that the criteria, indicators and evaluation method(s) will be further developed and refined during the EA process, in consultation with the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities, and any other interested persons.</p> <p>Please revise this section accordingly.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential environmental effects; ▪ Impact management measures; ▪ Net effects; and, ▪ Advantages and disadvantages. <p>of the alternative methods on the environment, during all phases of the project (i.e. construction, operation, maintenance etc.). Also, the method(s) chosen must be able to produce an assessment that is clear logical and traceable.</p> <p>4. Identify the preferred alternative/undertaking</p>
MECP – 72	<p>Section 4.6, page 31</p> <p>If the general location of the project and certain technical considerations has been determined through another planning process, then those details needs to be clearly presented in this section of the ToR document and the associated supporting documentation must be provided. (See Comments #1 and #14).</p>	<p>Text modified to incorporate additional information on the background of the technical and location considerations as identified by the IESO/OPA/OEB.</p>	<p>Section 4.2 text has been modified.</p>	<p>Section 4.2, page 34 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve clarity and flow, the first paragraph should also include references to Appendix 2 so that those who are interested in obtaining more information can find specific supporting documents easily and

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	Revise text accordingly. Please provide supporting documentation to confirm and validate the information provided (See Comment #1 and #14).			efficiently. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the project definition provided in the information package? • What were the minimum technical requirements for the project?
MECP – 73	<p>Section 4.6.1, general</p> <p>This section briefly describes alternative design considerations and preliminary assessment and evaluation methodology that will be utilized during the EA process. As per Comment #70, to improve clarity and flow, any discussion of criteria and indicators and a preliminary assessment and evaluation methodology should be moved to Section 4.5 of this ToR document. This discussion should be general and apply to all alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking.</p> <p>Please revise this section accordingly. See Comment #71</p>	Text has been updated with: Design considerations are applicable to all alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking.	Section 4.2.1 has been moved under Section 4.2 (old Section 4.5).	<p>Section 4.2.1, page 34 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first paragraph of this section states “The criteria and indicators defined above will...” However, criteria and indicators were not defined “above” as indicated in this section. To improve clarity, please revise this reference in the text accordingly.
MECP – 74	<p>Section 4.6.2, general</p> <p>Any discussion of the technical considerations for the transmission line ROW should include all proposed routes and not be specific to the reference route (i.e. “For the section of the line through PNP...”). The preferred transmission line route will be determined through the EA process and the ToR should not presuppose the outcome of the EA.</p>	<p>Text modified to outline design criteria in a more generic manner:</p> <p>New ROWs not adjacent to the existing East-West Tie corridor, typically up to 46 m wide, will be cleared of vegetation to accommodate the transmission line. For any alternative routes where quad-circuit towers would be proposed as a design consideration, the corridor will not be widened and as such no vegetation removals would be required outside the</p>	Section 4.2.2 has been modified to remove presuppositions of the EA.	No further comment.

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		existing ROW.		
MECP – 75	<p>Section 4.6.3, page 32</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the last sentence: “This will be confirmed in the detail design stage for the Project. further discussed in the EA”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	Text has been revised as presented.	Section 4.2.3 has been modified.	No further comment.
MECP – 76	<p>Section 4.6.4, general</p> <p>Only temporary access roads are mentioned; however, will any of the access roads be considered permanent? Will these be new access roads or extensions to existing access roads?</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	Information on access roads has been added to this section.	Text modified in Section 4.2.4.	No further comment.
MECP – 77	<p>Section 4.6.6, general</p> <p>Will there be a need for construction camps? All components and structures associated with construction should be identified and discussed in the EA.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Text added:</p> <p>“The need for construction camps during the execution of the project is expected. These camps are anticipated to be located in Nipigon, Marathon and White River in areas that are in proximity of the laydown yards and have easy access to the fly yards and major access points. Accommodations will also be sought in both Thunder Bay and Wawa, however we anticipate that the local infrastructure would be able to accommodate the anticipated labour force.”</p>	Added Section 4.2.9	No further comment.
MECP – 78	<p>Section 4.7.2, general</p> <p>The heading for this section should</p>	<p>Text added:</p> <p>A Transmission Vegetation Management</p>	Section 4.3.2 has been modified.	No further comment.

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	<p>include "Maintenance" (i.e. operation and maintenance).</p> <p>Does the Transmission Vegetation Management Program apply to this project? If so please provide further information.</p> <p>Revise heading accordingly. Please provide any additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>Program developed within Hydro One will apply to the operation and maintenance of the corridor.</p>		
MECP – 79	<p>Section 4.7.3, general</p> <p>What are examples of decommissioning activities for this type of project?</p> <p>Please include a commitment in this section of the ToR that states if decommissioning activities are required, a detailed review of the potential environmental effects and mitigation measures will be provide.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please provide any additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>Text added:</p> <p>"If decommissioning activities are required, a detailed review of the potential environmental effects and mitigation measures will be provide"</p>	<p>Section 4.3.3 has been modified.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 80	<p>Section 5, page 36 & Figure 5</p> <p>While the ministry understands proponents have specific project schedules they strive to maintain, delays may occur. However, it should be the purpose of Figure 5 to highlight the key milestones during in the EA process to ensure that interested persons understand the process, and when they are able to review documents and provide</p>	<p>Figure 5 has been removed as without specific timelines it is duplication of Figure 3.</p>	<p>Figure 5 modified.</p>	<p>Section 9, page 82 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figure 5 of the June 2018 draft ToR provided a good overview of Hydro One's specific consultation activities in relation to the steps in the EA process. It is recommended that Figure 5 of the June 2018 be incorporated into Section 9

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	<p>comments before decision are made.</p> <p>As such, to improve clarity, please remove the “when” column in Figure 5 and the second last sentence on page 36: “The timelines in the figure are required to meeting the project need date.”</p>			with the revisions specified in Comment 80 and Comment 81.
MECP – 81	<p>Figure 5, page 37</p> <p>There are other key milestones after the formal submission of a final EA document that are absent from in Figure 5 (i.e. Inspection of the Ministry Review). In order to improve transparency, please incorporate the missing key milestones. Refer to Appendix A: Environmental Assessment Process Timelines of the ministry’s Code of Practice.</p> <p>In addition, the “Specific Consultation Activities” should specify that documentation (i.e. draft & final ToRs and EAs) will be reviewed by government agencies and Indigenous communities, as well as the public.</p> <p>Revise Figure 5 accordingly.</p>	<p>Figure 5 has been removed as without specific timelines it is duplication of Figure 3.</p>	<p>Figure 5 removed.</p>	<p>See MECP response to Comment 80.</p>
MECP – 82	<p>Section 5.1, page 38</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first sentence:</p> <p>“...best practices in public and stakeholder consultation and engagement...”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Text has been revised as presented.</p>	<p>Section 9.1 has been revised.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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MECP – 83	<p>Section 5.2, general</p> <p>This section should be incorporated as a subsection under Section 5.5 “Consultation Plan for the EA”</p> <p>Revise ToR document accordingly.</p>	<p>Text has been moved.</p>	<p>Section moved to 9.4.3 under Consultation Plan for the EA.</p>	<p>Section 9.4.3, page 93 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity and flow, it would be more appropriate to move subsection 9.4.3 before subsection 9.4.1 of the revised draft ToR (page 88). Please revise the ToR document accordingly.
MECP – 84	<p>Section 5.2, page 38</p> <p>Stakeholders should be consulted throughout the EA process and not just with regard to alternative methods. Please revise the last sentence of the first paragraph accordingly.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Text modified:</p> <p>The following stakeholders will be consulted throughout the EA process</p>	<p>Section 9.4.3 modified accordingly.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 85	<p>Section 5.2, page 39</p> <p>Third Paragraph - Section 5.3 provides further information and details regarding Duty to Consult and Indigenous community consultation. As such, to improve clarity, the third paragraph should include a reference to Section 5.3.</p> <p>Fourth Paragraph - Please include a commitment that the comprehensive project contact list will continually be reviewed and updated during the EA process.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	<p>Third paragraph has been revised to incorporate a reference to section 9.2</p> <p>In delegating procedural aspects of consultation, the Ministry of Energy has identified fourteen First Nations and four Métis Groups as having a potential interest in the Project. The duty to consult is discussed further in Section 9.2</p> <p>Fourth paragraph has been revised to: “A comprehensive contact list is being maintained from the outset of the Project. Hydro One is committed that the comprehensive project contact list is continually reviewed and updated during the EA process as contacts change and new contacts are identified through</p>	<p>Section 9.4.3 revised accordingly.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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		consultation activities.”		
MECP – 86	<p>Section 5.2, page 39</p> <p>These bullet points are describing the consultation and engagement activities planned for the project during the EA process. To improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it would be more appropriate for this information to be moved and incorporated into to the list in Section 5.5.1.</p> <p>In addition, the last bullet point should remove reference to “draft and final ToR”. Any consultation and engagement activities related to the preparation of the Terms of Reference should be described in Section 5.4.</p> <p>Also, the last bullet should specify that documents will be made available to government agencies and Indigenous communities for review, in addition to the public.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	<p>List moved and incorporated into list under 9.4.1.</p> <p>Removed reference to draft and final ToR.</p> <p>Draft and final ToR and EA documents will be distributed to government agencies, key interest groups, and municipal officials and staff of communities along the project route.</p>	<p>Section 9.4.1 has incorporated these changes.</p>	<p>Section 9.4.1, page 88 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This section should be renamed “Consultation and Engagement Activities” since it describes activities that could pertain to all stakeholders including members of the public, Indigenous communities and government agencies. As such, consider the following revision to the first sentence of this section: <p>“The following outlines the specific consultation activities that are planned for members of the public, government agencies and Indigenous communities during the EA:”</p> • This section should also include a summary of the key decision making milestones and when consultation will occur. For example, how consultation activities (i.e. CICs, presentations, meetings etc.) aligns with key milestones in the EA process (i.e. the assessment of alternative methods, impact assessment of the preferred

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				undertaking, review of draft EA etc.). Refer to Figure 5 of the June 2018 draft ToR for guidance. See Comment 80.
MECP – 87	<p>Section 5.3, general</p> <p>This section should reflect the up-to-date status of the delegation and notification. In addition, to improve clarity and flow, it would be more appropriate for the list of communities as described in Section 5.4.2, to be incorporated into this section of the ToR document.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	<p>The section has been updated with the list of communities.</p>	<p>Section 9.2 updated with list of communities.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 88	<p>Section 5.4, general</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.9 of the ministry’s Code of Practice, do not confuse consultation plan with record of consultation.</p> <p>The consultation plan is for future consultation that will take place during the preparation of the EA.</p> <p>The record of consultation is for past consultation that took place during the preparation of the ToR. As such, this section of the ToR document should summarize the consultation activities that occurred and their results. In addition, proponents must submit a separate and more detailed document called a Record of Consultation. See Comment #2.</p> <p>In order to improve clarity, the heading for this section should be revised:</p>	<p>Section 9.3 renamed to Consultation on the ToR.</p> <p>Section has been written in past tense where appropriate.</p>	<p>Section 9.3 has been modified accordingly.</p>	<p>Section 9.3, page 84-88 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This entire section should be written in past tense since it is meant to summarize what has already occurred. For example on page 84 of the revised draft ToR: <p>“Hydro One has had a detailed consultation plan... activities undertaken or to be undertaken in relation to the preparation of the ToR”</p> This section should reflect the up-to-date status of the consultation activities that have occurred on the preparation of the ToR and their results. Please update

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	<p>“Consultation Plan for on the ToR”. In addition, each of the subsection (i.e. 5.4.1 to 5.4.3) should be written in past tense since they are summarizing what has already occurred.</p>			and include a summary of the results of consultation with members of the public, government agencies and Indigenous communities.
MECP – 89	<p>Section 5.5.1, page 45</p> <p>The review of a draft EA document should be its own separate bullet point.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	<p>Review of a Draft EA document – Hydro One will notify stakeholders, government agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested parties on the contact list that the Draft EA document is available for review.</p>	Section 9.4.1 has been modified.	No further comment.
MECP – 90	<p>Section 5.5.2, general</p> <p>Refer to comments from Peter Brown, Indigenous Consultation Advisor, Client Services and Permissions Branch, MECP.</p> <p>The EA consultation plan for Indigenous communities should clearly set out the steps a proponent intends to take with respect to consultation activities. It should include, but not limited to, consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Indigenous communities will be notified and consulted. This includes a description of the consultation activities planned (i.e. notifications, information sharing opportunities, open houses, individual meetings with the community etc.). • Points in the EA process when Indigenous communities will be consulted. • Methods that will be used to consult with 	<p>Removed term groups from all language used for Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Text outlining that the EA consultation plan for Indigenous communities will clearly set out the steps Hydro One intends to take with respect to consultation activities.</p> <p>Added text for clarification: In addition to the tailored consultation approach for Indigenous communities, all public consultation processes and specific consultation activities outlined in Section Error! Reference source not found. and throughout Section Error! Reference source not found. will be available to Indigenous communities.</p>	Section 9.4.2 (old Section 5.5.2) has been revised.	<p>Section 9.4.2, page 90-93 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to Section 9.3.1 in the first paragraph on page 91 is incorrect. Please revise. • To improve clarity, please include a statement that the standalone Consultation Plan will be developed and refined in consultation with Indigenous communities and the Plan will be submitted to MECP for review prior to initiating the EA. • In addition, please include a statement that if requested, Hydro One may need to develop individual consultation plans that are tailored to specific Indigenous communities. <p>Please refer to comments from Peter Brown, Indigenous Consultation Advisor, Client</p>

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	<p>Indigenous communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the decisions that Indigenous communities can provide input to and what role Indigenous communities play when the proponent makes decisions. • How traditional knowledge will be incorporated. <p>Consultation plans should be developed and refined in consultation with Indigenous communities. Each community may have different approaches and/or preferences with regard to consultation and engagement. As such, some communities may prefer to have individualized plans.</p> <p><u>Other Items</u></p> <p>Please specify in this section that Indigenous communities are welcome to participate in the public consultation activities, in addition to the ones planned specifically for Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Please remove the word “groups” from all references to “Indigenous communities and groups”. The appropriate reference is just “Indigenous communities”</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>			Services and Permissions Branch, MECP.
MECP – 91	<p>Section 5.5.3, general</p> <p>The appropriate reference is “government agencies” and not just “agency”.</p>	References to agency throughout the document have been revised to include government agencies.	All sections of ToR.	No further comment.

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	Revise this section accordingly.			
MECP – 92	<p>Section 5.5.4, general</p> <p>Please use one term (i.e. record) when referring to the consultation record. Too many terms (i.e. log, database etc.) is confusing.</p> <p>Please clarify the last sentence in this section: “The Record of Consultation for the ToR EA will be submitted...”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Record has been standardized. Log and database have been removed.</p> <p>Modifications made to last sentence.</p>	Section 9.4.5.	<p>Comment 92 would apply to Section 9.3.3, page 87 of the revised draft ToR. Please revise accordingly.</p> <p>Please include a statement in Section 9.3.3 that the Record of Consultation for the ToR will be submitted under a separate cover.</p>
MECP – 93	<p>Section 5.6, page 49</p> <p>Please specify: “all comments and inputs received from the public, government agencies and Indigenous communities will be documented...”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>All comments and input received from the public, government agencies, and Indigenous communities will be documented in a summary table and included in the EA document as part of the Record of Consultation.</p>	Section 9.5 revised.	<p>Section 9.5, page 96 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity, consider the following revision: <p>“The summary table will provide a response to each issue and how the issue was addressed.”</p>
MECP – 94	<p>Section 6, general</p> <p>The section notes that environmental studies have been completed by another proponent. Hydro One specifies that they intend on using this information and will conduct a gap analysis to identify the need of verification or collection of data to complete the description of the environment.</p> <p>What are the environmental studies you are referring too and by which proponent? Is this reference to NextBridge and the</p>	<p>Direct references to NextBridge will be removed. Desktop studies will supplement any proposed EA studies.</p> <p>Where studies have been conducted on the proposed corridor and they apply to the project, Hydro One will not duplicate these studies, but instead use publicly available information to inform assessment efforts. Hydro One will conduct the appropriate studies where information is needed to satisfy the EA requirements. The current preliminary focus of field surveys includes Pukaskwa</p>	Section 5 revised.	<p>Section 5, page 41 of the revised draft ToR::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For consistency with previous sections of the ToR (i.e. Section 4.1), please revise the first paragraph as follows: <p>“The biophysical and socio-economic baseline environmental conditions of the reference route alternative and much of the reference route have been</p>

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	<p>NextBridge EA? The ministry would like to emphasize that as outlined in our November 14, 2017 letter to Hydro One and reiterated in correspondence from March 16, 2018 and April 10, 2018; Hydro One's proposed Lake Superior Link Transmission Project is considered a new undertaking for the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act. As such, Hydro One is required to complete the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act including preparing technical studies for analysis and evaluation and consultation requirements. This information must be completed and submitted as part of the Lake Superior Link EA.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly. Please remove references to other proponent's environmental studies throughout this section. See Comment #12 and #60.</p>	<p>National Park, the transmission corridor between Wawa and Marathon, the Dorion area, temporary and permanent access roads, laydown areas, fly yards and any additional areas identified as a concern. Hydro One will continue to engage regulators to ensure the baseline data is adequate for the EA.</p> <p>Text revised to the following:</p> <p>The biophysical and socio-economic baseline environmental conditions of the reference route alternative and much of the reference route have been recently extensively studied and these results are publicly available. Where there is an overlap of the study areas, Hydro One is generally not duplicating these studies, but using the information available publicly through existing environmental studies already funded by the ratepayers of Ontario.</p>		<p>recently extensively-studied and these results are publicly available. Where there is an overlap of the study areas, Hydro One is generally not duplicating these studies, but using the information available publicly through existing environmental studies already funded by the ratepayers of Ontario. Where studies have been conducted on the proposed corridor and they apply to the project, Hydro One will not be duplicating these studies, but use publicly available information to inform assessment efforts. Hydro One will conduct the appropriate studies where information is needed to satisfy the EA requirements."</p>
MECP – 95	<p>Section 6, general</p> <p>Please include a commitment in the ToR document that a more detailed description of the environment and the baseline conditions for all environmental components will be provided in the EA.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>More detailed description of the environment and the baseline conditions for all environmental components will be provided in the EA.</p>	Section 5 revised.	No further comment.
MECP – 96	<p>Section 6.1 and 6.2, general</p> <p>The subsections of Section 6.1 and 6.2 provide information on proposed data</p>	<p>Additional information on the environmental components in Sections 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 have been added to bolster understanding of their current</p>	Sections 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 have been revised substantially to reflect	No further comment.

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	<p>collection tools/methods (i.e. studies, tests, surveys or mapping etc.) for each of the environmental components; however, in accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the ToR should provide a preliminary description of the environment and baseline conditions.</p> <p>The current descriptions of each of the environment components have limited information. Descriptions of the environment and baseline conditions should be sufficiently detailed to allow the government agencies to determine whether the proposed studies will meet the information requirements of the particular agency.</p> <p>For instance, further information that can be included, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of the Lake Superior Watershed and any secondary or tertiary watersheds • A preliminary list of SARs in the study area • A list of the species of fish that are expected based on aquatic features of the study area. <p>Please provide further information on baseline conditions for each of the environmental components.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	<p>state. These sections have been revised substantially to provide additional information on existing environmental conditions.</p>	<p>comments.</p>	
MECP – 97	Section 6.1 and 6.2, general	Significantly revised Sections 5. Overall data collection methodology has been	Section 5.1 (Data Collection Methodology)	No further comment.

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	<p>In accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the ToR should include a list and brief explanation of the tools (i.e. studies, tests, surveys, mapping etc.) that will be used to provide a more detailed description of the environment in the EA. Lists will not preclude proponents from conducting additional and more detailed studies as part of the EA.</p> <p>Although the subsections of Section 6.1 and 6.2 provide information on proposed data collection tools/methods, to improve clarity and flow, this information should be integrated into one subsection. As such, please incorporate a subsection in Section 6 that includes a list and a brief explanation for each of the available or existing data collection tools (i.e. studies, tests, surveys or mapping etc.) that were used to determine the existing conditions of each component of the environment. Also, please include a list and a brief explanation of the data collection tools (i.e. studies, tests, surveys, mapping etc.) that will be carried out to provide a more detailed description of the environment in the EA.</p> <p>Overall, sufficient information should be given in the ToR to ensure that data collection tools/methods can be understood by interested government agencies, Indigenous communities and members of the public who are then able to provide informed comments.</p>	<p>placed into its own section and data sources have been tabulated. Where appropriate, study-specific data collection methodology is briefly discussed under the study subheadings where it is most pertinent.</p> <p>Study methods have been listed.</p> <p>The scope and intensity of study and its associated data collection methodology will be further refined during the EA process throughout consultation with stakeholders, Indigenous communities, data gap analysis, in response to novel information and Project refinements.</p>	<p>and 5.1.1 (Published Sources of Information) have been added to provide a clearer flow and structure for data collection methodology. Sections and subsections under 5.2 and 5.3 have been revised to reflect the updated methodology sections.</p>	

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	Revise this section accordingly.			
MECP – 98	<p>Section 6.1.1 to 6.1.2, general</p> <p>Field work may be required to gather information on environmental baseline conditions. As such, please remove references to “no field work” and include statements such as “desktop studies will be used and supplemented with field work where required” or “field work will be conducted if necessary” etc.</p> <p>Revise these subsections accordingly.</p>	<p>No field work has been replaced with ‘desktop studies will be used and supplemented with field work, where required.’</p>	<p>Sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 have been modified accordingly.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 99	<p>Section 6.1.6, page 56</p> <p>The last paragraph provides general information and references all environmental components. As such, it would be more appropriate to move this to the beginning of Section 6.1 of this ToR document.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	<p>All information collected as part of the natural environment field programs will be used in the EA, to identify potential effects and practicable mitigation measures, and to fine tune the locations of towers, access roads and water crossings (where appropriate). Information will also be used for any approvals that may be required prior to construction.</p>	<p>Last paragraph of Section 5.1.6 has been moved to Section 5.1.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP – 100	<p>Section 6.1.8, general</p> <p>Please specify that potential project emission sources will be evaluated against regulatory standards in the EA.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Potential Project emission sources will be evaluated against regulatory standards in the EA.</p>	<p>Section 5.1.8 modified accordingly.</p>	
MECP – 101	<p>Section 6.1.9, general</p> <p>Please specify that potential noise emission sources will be evaluated against regulatory standards in the EA.</p>	<p>Potential noise emission sources will be evaluated against regulatory standards in the EA.</p>	<p>Section 5.1.9 modified accordingly.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	Revise text accordingly.			
MECP - 102	<p>Section 6.2, general</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow, considering separating the socio-economic environmental components and the cultural/built environment components into two separate sections.</p> <p>Revise ToR document accordingly.</p>	<p>Section 5.2 has been split into Section 5.2 and 5.3 separating the socio-economic environmental components and the cultural/built environment components.</p>	<p>Sections 5.2 and 5.3 have been revised.</p>	<p>Section 5.3, page 62 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity, please remove “and Cultural/Built” from the subsection title since this section only pertains to Socio-economic environment.
MECP - 103	<p>Section 6.2.3, page 58</p> <p>To improve clarity, considering the following revision to the first sentence of the last paragraph that: “The EA will describe and assess existing commercial, recreational and industrial activities...”</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Text revised as presented.</p>	<p>Section 5.2.2 has been revised.</p>	<p>Section 5.3.2, page 63 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity, considering the following revision to the first sentence of the third paragraph: <p>“The EA document will describe and assess existing...”</p>
MECP - 104	<p>Section 6.2.5, general</p> <p>Refer to comments from Peter Brown, Indigenous Consultation Advisor, Client Services and Permissions Branch, MECP.</p> <p>Indigenous community-specific criteria and indicators may be required for the evaluation of alternatives and assessment of the preferred undertaking. Please include a commitment in the ToR that specifies criteria and indicators of relevance to Indigenous communities will be developed in consultation with Indigenous communities.</p>	<p>Criteria and indicators of relevance to Indigenous communities will be developed in consultation with Indigenous communities.</p>	<p>Section 5.3.2 has been revised.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	Revise text accordingly.			
MECP - 105	<p>Section 6.2.7, page 60</p> <p>The landscape characteristic should be described for the entire study area, not just “the area located West of Nigigon, and the Pukaskwa River Provincial Park”. As such please remove this reference.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>During the EA, the Project team will prepare a description of the landscape character within the study areas, identifying landscape settings and features of importance. This assessment will focus on valued viewpoints by the public and those identified by the project team as contributing to the aesthetic character of an area (e.g., ESA’s and river valleys). Ongoing consultation has also identified potential areas of visual assessment that will be considered. The team will review available models for this assessment.</p>	<p>Section 5.2.5 has been revised.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP - 106	<p>Section 6.2.8, general</p> <p>Has there been any preliminary consultation with municipalities, MTO etc. regarding services and infrastructure? Please provide the additional information as part of the Record of Consultation (See Comment 2).</p>	<p>Record of consultation will contain consultation with municipalities and other government agencies.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP - 107	<p>Section 6.2.9, general</p> <p>What are the Hydro One Land Acquisition Compensation Principles? Please provide further information.</p> <p>Revise the text accordingly. Please provide the additional information in this section of the ToR.</p>	<p>Added text:</p> <p>LACP are project-specific land acquisition compensation principles are founded upon Hydro One’s past experience pertaining to land acquisition matters for new transmission projects. Hydro One’s central consideration has been the need for Property Owners to have flexibility and choice while balancing Hydro One’s desire to achieve timely acquisition of property interests and its obligation to ensure that</p>	<p>Section 5.2.7 has been modified.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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		expenditures are fair and reasonable to ratepayers.		
MECP - 108	<p>Section 7, general</p> <p>Once the assessment and comparative evaluation of the alternatives is completed, a preferred undertaking will be identified. The purpose of this section is to describe the approach to be taken in the evaluation of the environmental effects of preferred undertaking. The intent is to allow the additional details developed on the preferred undertaking (i.e. design, operations etc.) to be assessed. It also allows for the evaluation of impact management measures and net effects within the context of a more comprehensive description for the preferred undertaking.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.7 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the ToR should either identify the evaluation method(s) to be used and the reason for its selection or outline the general parameters that will be used to identify the evaluation method(s) in the EA.</p> <p>Please clearly indicated at the evaluation method(s) will be used during EA process to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential environmental effects • Impact management measures • Net effects 	Section 7 has been modified to incorporate refinement of evaluation of Project effects and the suggested changes in this comment.	Section 7 has been revised accordingly.	<p>Section 7, page 78 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please include a statement that the evaluation methods chosen will be able to produce an assessment that is clear, logical and traceable.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advantages and disadvantages of the undertaking on the environment during all phases of the project (i.e. construction, operation, maintenance etc.). <p>The method(s) chosen must be able to produce an assessment that is clear logical and traceable.</p>			
<p>MECP - 109</p>	<p>Section 7, page 61</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision: “The following section identifies the potential effects assessment and evaluation and associated mitigation measures to address them avoid or minimize negative effects. Table 2 identifies the preliminary environmental features and technical considerations that will be applied assessed in the evaluation of potential environmental effects.”</p> <p>Please include a statement that the preliminary list of features/considerations will be developed and refined during the EA process in consultation with the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities, and any other interested persons.</p> <p>Are you referring to the preliminary criteria and indicators in Appendix 2? If so please reference in the text.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>The following section identifies the potential effects evaluation and associated mitigation measures to avoid or minimize negative effects. Table 7 identifies the preliminary environmental features and technical considerations that will be assessed in the evaluation of potential environmental effects.</p> <p>A preliminary list of criteria and indicators can be found in Appendix 1.</p>	<p>Section 7 has been revised accordingly.</p>	<p>Section 7, page 78 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve clarity, please consider the following revision to page 78: <p>“The evaluation methods will be developed and refined during the EA process to assess the undertaking on the environment during all phases of the project (i.e. construction, operation, maintenance etc.) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential environmental effects; ▪ Impact management measures; ▪ Net effects; and, ▪ Advantages and disadvantages. <p>of undertaking on the environment, during all phases of the project (i.e. construction, operation,</p>

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				<p>maintenance etc.)”</p> <p>The evaluation methods are based on a set of criteria and indicators. Table 8 identifies... and technical criteria... have been developed for the potential environmental effects evaluation...”</p>
MECP - 110	<p>Section 7, page 62</p> <p>This first paragraph discusses mitigation measures. However, to improve clarity and flow of the ToR document, it would be more appropriate for the discussions regarding the assessment of potential environmental effects and mitigation measures to be separated into two separate subsections: i.e. ‘Effects Assessment’ & ‘Mitigation Measures’.</p> <p>Also consider the following revision: “Mitigation measures will be developed and described in the EA to avoid or minimize negative effects due to construction and operation of the project with due consideration of cost, safety, feasibility and technical standards.”</p> <p>Please clarify what phases are included in ‘pre- and post-operational’.</p> <p>Revise text and this section accordingly.</p>	<p>Mitigation measures have been placed into Section 7.3.</p> <p>Proposed text revisions have implemented.</p> <p>Pre-and post- have been clarified to construction and operation, respectively.</p> <p>The EA will recommend construction and operational monitoring programs designed to verify effects prediction, the effectiveness of mitigation measures and the need for any remedial measures, should they be necessary.</p>	<p>Section 7.3 created for mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Section 7, page 78 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity and flow, include a subheading for the discussions on page 78 regarding evaluation methods and the assessment of potential environmental effects (i.e. 7.1 Effects Assessment). Please revise the ToR document accordingly.
MECP - 111	<p>Section 7.1 and 7.2, general</p>	<p>Sections 7.1 and 7.2 have been moved</p>	<p>Sections 7.1 and 7.2</p>	<p>There seems to be some</p>

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	<p>The information presented in these sections needs to be revised in order to improve clarity and flow. Potential environmental effects, mitigation measures, evaluation methods for alternatives, criteria and indicators, data sources etc. are all discussed at once. However, this information should be separated and incorporated into the appropriate corresponding sections of the ToR document (as facilitated by my comments on the draft ToR).</p> <p><u>Potential environmental effects and mitigation measures</u></p> <p>The preliminary information discussed in Section 7.1 and 7.2 with regards to the potential environmental effects and mitigation measures, is related to the assessment and evaluation of the alternatives and the preferred undertaking. As such, it would be more appropriate for this information to be incorporated as subsections at the end of Section 6 of this ToR document.</p> <p>In addition, to improve clarity, it is recommended that this information in sections 7.1 and 7.2 be put into tabular format.</p> <p>Revise this section and ToR document accordingly.</p>	<p>to the end of Section 6. Appendix 1 has been substantially revised and sections have been incorporated into the preliminary criteria and indicators table.</p> <p>Other portions of this section have been tabularized.</p>	<p>have been moved to the end of Section 6. Appendix 1 modified accordingly.</p>	<p>confusion regarding section references in my original comments. In accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the ministry's Code of Practice, after the existing environment is described, the potential effects of the undertaking and its alternatives should be described. As such, it would be more appropriate to move Sections 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7 (of this revised draft ToR) to the end Section 5 (of this revised draft ToR). Also, please remove the term "Evaluation" from the titles for Sections 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7, as these sections are not an evaluation but rather a description of preliminary environmental effects.</p> <p><u>Additional Comments:</u></p> <p>Section 6.5, page 73 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity, consider the following revision to the first sentence on this page: <p>"The following section identifies the preliminary potential environmental effects of the project and its alternatives evaluation and associated preliminary mitigation measures to avoid or minimize negative effects."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity and flow,

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				<p>consider including a subheading on page 74 that incorporates the discussion on preliminary mitigation measures.</p> <p>Section 6.6, page 75 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please include a table (similar to Table 7 on page 73 of the revised draft ToR) that summarizes the preliminary potential effects of project activities on the socio-economic environment. • What does "Appendix 1" at the end of this page refer too? Is this a typo?
MECP - 112	<p>Section 7.2, general</p> <p>To improve clarity and flow, considering separating the potential socio-economic environmental effects and the potential cultural/built environment effects into two separate sections.</p> <p>Revise ToR document accordingly</p>	<p>Socio-economic and cultural/built environment have been separated in Table 4.</p>	<p>Table 4 revised.</p>	<p>Reference to Table 4 (page 42 of this revised draft ToR) is incorrect. Are you referring to the revisions to Table 8?</p>
MECP - 113	<p>Section 7.3. general</p> <p>This section specifies that the technical, administrative and cost considerations should be used to evaluate the alternatives. As such, to improve clarity and flow, it would be more appropriate for this section to be moved to Section 4.5 of this ToR document.</p>	<p>Technical, administrative and cost considerations have been moved to the end of Section 6.4 (old Section 4.5).</p>	<p>Section 7.3 has been moved into Section 6.4.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	Revise ToR document accordingly.			
MECP - 114	<p>Section 8, general</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the ToR must include a statement that the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by the proponent during the ToR process, and where or how they have been dealt with in the EA. Furthermore, the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by the proponent during the EA process; including all commitments relating to impact management measures, additional works and studies to be carried out, monitoring, consultation and contingency planning, and documentation and correspondence.</p> <p>As such, consider incorporating a new subsection in Section 8 of the ToR that speaks to 'commitments' and references these requirements.</p> <p>Revise this section accordingly.</p>	<p>Added section on commitments:</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the Ministry's <i>Code of Practice</i>, the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by Hydro One during the ToR process, and where or how they have been dealt with in the EA. Furthermore, the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by Hydro One during the EA process; including all commitments relating to impact management measures, additional works and studies to be carried out, monitoring, consultation and contingency planning, and documentation and correspondence.</p>	Section 8.3 has been created for commitments.	No further comment.
MECP - 115	<p>Section 8, general</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the ministry's Code of Practice, a monitoring framework will consider all phases of the proposed undertaking (planning, detailed design, construction, operations, decommissioning etc.).</p> <p>Please clarify what phases are included in 'pre- and post-operational'.</p>	<p>In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the Ministry's Code of Practice, a monitoring framework will be developed during the EA and will consider all phases of the proposed undertaking.</p> <p>Pre-and post- have been clarified to construction and operation, respectively.</p>	Section 8 has been revised.	No further comment.

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	<p>Include a commitment in the ToR that clearly states a monitoring framework will be develop during the EA and will consider all phases of the proposed undertaking.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>			
MECP - 116	<p>Section 8.1 and 8.2, general</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the monitoring framework includes two types of monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compliance monitoring – assessment of whether an undertaking had been constructed, implemented and/or operated in accordance with commitments made during the EA and the conditions of EA approval; • effects monitoring – activities carried out by the proponent after approval of the undertaking to determine the environmental effects of the undertaking. <p>To improve clarity and flow, please clearly define the two types of monitoring in the corresponding sections; Sections 8.1 (effects monitoring) and 8.2 (compliance monitoring).</p> <p>Revise these sections accordingly.</p>	<p>Definitions of compliance and effects monitoring have been added to the document.</p>	<p>Sections 8.1 and 8.2 have been revised.</p>	<p>Section 8.2, page 81 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve clarity, please revise the title of subsection 8.2 to "Compliance EA Process Monitoring".
MECP - 117	<p>Section 8.1, general</p> <p>This section is supposed to provide preliminary information on effects monitoring; however, it includes</p>	<p>Environmental management system has been clarified to include both effects and compliance monitoring. Compliance monitoring has been moved to Section 8.2. Clarification on environmental</p>	<p>Sections 8.1 and 8.2 have been revised.</p>	<p>Section 8.1, page 80-81 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This section discusses effects monitoring and not

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	<p>information on compliance monitoring (i.e. EA commitments). As such, it would be more appropriate to move information on compliance monitoring to Section 8.2 of this ToR document.</p> <p>What is the project environmental management system? Will it include effects monitoring in addition to compliance monitoring? Please provide further information.</p> <p>Revise text and section accordingly.</p>	<p>management system has been added.</p>		<p>compliance monitoring. As such to improve clarity, please consider the following revision:</p> <p>“...environmental management system that will monitor the environmental effects of the project and ensure compliance with all commitments set out in this assessment made during the EA process, plus other environmental requirements...”</p>
<p>MECP - 118</p>	<p>Section 8.1, page 67</p> <p>To improve clarity, consider the following revision: “During the later stages of the EA process, a monitoring program will be developed.... will ensure compliance with the all commitments set out in this assessment made during the EA process, plus other environmental requirements....”</p> <p>Please move this paragraph to Section 8.2 (See Comment #119) and incorporate a similar commitment that speaks to effects monitoring.</p> <p>Revise text and section accordingly.</p>	<p>Text revised as provided, paragraph moved to Section 8.2, similar paragraph in Section 8.1 revised.</p>	<p>Paragraph moved to Section 8.2, similar paragraph in Section 8.1 revised.</p>	<p>Section 8.2, page 81 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity, please consider the following revisions: <p>“...compliance with EA process commitments outlined in the ToR will be regularly...”</p> <p>“Appropriate commitments to Compliance monitoring will be reflected...”</p> <p>Section 8.3, page 81 of the revised draft ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve clarity, consider the following revision: <p>“the EA will include a comprehensive list of</p>

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				commitments...including but not limited to , all commitments relating..."
MECP – 119	<p>Section 8.2, general</p> <p>The current information in this section regarding compliance monitoring should be replaced with the information on compliance monitoring from Section 8.1.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the ministry's Code of Practice, the EA will need to provide a monitoring strategy that sets out how and when all commitments made in the EA will be fulfilled and how the proponent will report to the ministry about compliance.</p> <p>Please include a commitment referencing this requirement in this section of the ToR.</p> <p>Revise text accordingly.</p>	<p>Compliance monitoring moved to Section 8.2</p> <p>Hydro One will provide a monitoring strategy that sets out how and when all commitments made in the EA will be fulfilled and how the proponent will report to the ministry about compliance.</p>	Sections 8.1 and 8.2 revised.	No further comment.
MECP - 120	<p>Appendix 2</p> <p>The table should clearly identify which column refers to the 'criteria' that will be used for the assessment and evaluation of alternatives. Also, the items under the "features considered" column should be separated into more specific criteria. For instance, "environmentally sensitive areas" can be separated further but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural heritage features (i.e. ANSI) • Wetlands 	<p>Appendix 1 criteria and indicators have been extensively modified based on the comments provided.</p> <p>Criteria and indicators have been updated and clarified, environment includes cultural/built environment, technical considerations have been added, references to existing EA studies have been removed (NextBridge).</p>	Appendix 1 has been modified.	No further comment.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Species at risk • Terrestrial habitat • Aquatic habitat <p>Also, items under the “environment” column should include cultural and built environments, and any other technical considerations.</p> <p>In addition, please include a column that identifies preliminary potential effects on each of the indicators.</p> <p>Also, as per Comments #12, #60 and #94 please remove references to the existing NextBridge EA studies.</p> <p>Overall, sufficient information should be given in the ToR to ensure that this table can be understood by interested persons who are then able to provide informed comments.</p> <p>Revise table accordingly.</p>			

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MECP - 121	<p>Throughout (e.g., Sections 3.1, 4.4.1, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.6)</p> <p>Please make sure that Indigenous communities are identified separately from stakeholders and agencies in the Final ToR. Many indigenous communities prefer to not be identified as stakeholders.</p> <p>Revise text throughout to identify Indigenous communities, stakeholders and agencies separately.</p>	<p>Differentiation between stakeholders and Indigenous communities has been clarified.</p>	<p>Section 3, 5 and Section 6.3.3 have been modified.</p>	<p>Thank you, I am satisfied with the response.</p>
MECP - 122	<p>Section 5.3, page 40.</p> <p>The Ministry of Energy, on behalf of the Crown, formally delegated procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One and provided a list of communities to be consulted for the environmental assessment process on March 2, 2018. The Ministry of Energy also notified the communities of this delegation.</p> <p>Revise the first parts of this</p>	<p>Revised section to include the following text:</p> <p>The Ministry of Energy, on behalf of the Crown, formally delegated procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One and provided a list of communities to be consulted for the environmental assessment process on March 2, 2018. The Ministry of Energy also notified the communities of this delegation.</p>	<p>Section 9.2 has been revised.</p>	<p>Thank you. The first few paragraphs of Section 9.2 now do not flow well, but the requested text has been added. For example, the second paragraph of Section 9.2 with two bullets could be removed to improve readability.</p>

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	section to reflect the up-to-date status of the delegation and notification. Please also indicate that consultation on a draft Indigenous consultation plan for the EA will occur with all identified Indigenous communities (see comment #4 below).	Consultation on a draft Indigenous consultation plan for the EA will occur with all identified Indigenous communities.		
MECP - 123	<p>Section 5.4, page 42.</p> <p>This section should provide a summary of the consultation undertaken during the development of the ToR, not a consultation plan for the ToR. A complete record of consultation undertaken by Hydro One during the development of the ToR should also be provided as an appendix to the ToR. Indigenous community input in the development of the ToR is a very important part of the EA process.</p> <p>Please include a summary of the consultation undertaken during the development of the ToR in the main body of the ToR. The Indigenous consultation summary should</p>	<p>Section 9.3 has been modified to include a summary of the consultation undertaken during the development of the ToR, not a consultation plan for the ToR.</p> <p>The Record of Consultation will be supplied as a supporting document to the ToR.</p> <p>Section 9.3.2, paragraph 3 has been revised to contain additional information on consultation of Indigenous communities in regards to the ToR.</p>	Section 9.3 has been modified.	The response is insufficient. Please include in Section 9.3 a summary of issues (comments, questions, concerns) raised by Indigenous communities (e.g., from meetings, written comments, etc.) and how they are or will be addressed. The complete record of consultation can be appended to the ToR, but a summary should be included in the main body of the ToR (see original July 26, 2018 comments).

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	<p>be organized by community and identify key issues raised and how they are addressed in the ToR (e.g., responses to them and/or explanation of how the input informed EA methodology, study design, etc). The appended record of consultation should include all events and communications, and indicate how any questions, comments and concerns are addressed in the ToR and/or will be addressed through the EA process.</p>			
MECP - 124	<p>Section 5.5.2</p> <p>It is not clear if the Indigenous consultation plan for the EA referenced in the draft ToR is contained within section 5.5.2 or also exists as a more extensive stand-alone document that can be modified through consultation with communities.</p> <p>It is also not clear how Hydro One will “incorporate traditional knowledge and use”, as indicated in the draft ToR (p.47). This is an important part</p>	<p>The Indigenous Consultation Plan is a standalone document that can be modified through consultation with communities. Language clarifying this has been added to Section 9.4.2.</p> <p>Expanded on Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge as suggested in the comment.</p>	<p>Section 9.4.2 has been revised.</p>	<p>Thank you. I look forward to reviewing the consultation plan for the EA.</p>

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	<p>of the EA process and requires further clarification.</p> <p>Please include a copy of the draft Indigenous consultation plan for the EA as part of the Final ToR or as a stand-alone document for review and consultation. I suggest calling it a draft plan until Hydro One consults with each individual Indigenous community on the plan. Some communities may request individualized plans, which should be honoured or accommodated appropriately (e.g., community-specific sections) within the overall consultation plan.</p> <p>Each community may have different approaches and preferences for the sharing of Traditional or Indigenous Knowledge, and this should also be honoured by Hydro One. Please note that Indigenous Knowledge should be an input to most physical, biological and human components of the environment. Please state a commitment to consider, and</p>			

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	<p>incorporate as appropriate, Indigenous consultation and knowledge in, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the methodology for and description of baseline conditions (e.g., study areas; environmental components; resources, species, other values of importance; timing of baseline studies, etc.); • the evaluation of alternatives and assessment of the preferred undertaking (e.g., criteria and indicators of relevance to Indigenous communities for all environmental components); • the development of mitigation measures and monitoring commitments; and • the conclusions of the EA, including any residual adverse effects on Aboriginal and treaty rights 			
MECP - 125	<p>Section 6.2.5</p> <p>“potential employment and... other relevant socio-economic</p>	<p>Indigenous consultation and employment/economic participation has been moved</p>	<p>Section 5.2.2 has been modified.</p>	<p>Thank you, I am satisfied with the response.</p>

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	<p>aspects” should be considered under a more appropriate socio-economic component rather than as part of Traditional/Indigenous Land Use.</p> <p>Move socio-economic references from Section 6.2.5 to 6.2.3 or 6.2.4, or create a separate Indigenous employment and economic activity component.</p>	<p>to Section 5.2.2.</p>		
MECP - 126	<p>Section 7.0</p> <p>Commitments to consider Traditional or Indigenous Knowledge for each environmental component are not clear. Indigenous community- specific criteria and indicators may also be required to address specific concerns or requests. This is an important part of the EA process and requires further clarification.</p> <p>Information provided by Indigenous communities should be considered in developing all criteria, indicators and measures, not just “for effects</p>	<p>The preliminary list of features/considerations will be developed and refined during the EA process in consultation with the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities, and any other interested persons.</p> <p>In Appendix 1, Indigenous consultation is listed as an information source for the criteria and indicators. Clarified throughout the document that Indigenous consultation is a key component of evaluation of alternatives, mitigations and assessment of the environment</p>	<p>Section 7.0 has been modified.</p>	<p>Thank you, I am satisfied with the response.</p>

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	<p>on traditional/Indigenous land use where relevant” (p. 65). Please clarify this throughout Section 7.0. For example, Traditional or Indigenous Knowledge or Traditional/ Indigenous Resource Uses and/or Areas should be listed as a feature or consideration under Natural Environment (p.61).</p> <p>Under Socio-Economic Environment, it is recommended to refer to Traditional Knowledge as opposed to ‘Traditional Knowledge Studies’ because communities may prefer to share knowledge in ways other than through a formal study. This should be considered throughout the ToR.</p>	<p>throughout the EA process.</p> <p>Information obtained through consultation will be used in developing indicators and measures for effects on all criteria and indicators.</p> <p>Removed ‘studies’ from Traditional Knowledge.</p>		

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Guowang Qiu, Air Quality Analyst, Northern Region				
MECP - 129	<p>Section 7.1</p> <p>Within the section of evaluation of potential effects on the natural environment, air quality was not included. There is a potential air quality effects during the construction of the project due to construction activities, especially for the fugitive dust.</p> <p>Consider the potential air quality effects from the construction activities, especially for the potential receptors near the transmission line, air quality impact assessment should be conducted and included in the environment assessment.</p>	<p>Dust and noise from construction are controlled with appropriate mitigation measures and environmental best management practices. Potential air quality effects from construction activities, especially for the potential receptors near the transmission line will be considered. Air quality impact assessment will be conducted and included in the environment assessment.</p>	<p>Section 6.5 (old 7.1) has been modified.</p>	<p>No further comments</p>
MECP - 130	<p>Appendix 2</p> <p>Air quality was not included in the list of preliminary criteria and indicators.</p> <p>greenhouse gas emissions should be included in the list of criteria and indicators environmental impacts of the project.</p>	<p>Appendix 1 has been modified to include air quality and greenhouse gases.</p>		<p>No further comments</p>

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Mira Majerovich, EA Coordinator, Northern Region				
MECP - 131	<p>Permit and Approval Requirements (Sec. 2, pg. 15):</p> <p>Please clarify that Lake Superior Links only plans to concurrently prepare for permits and approvals while the EA process is being undertaken. As written, it infers that permit and approval applications may be submitted during the EA process. Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act comes first and that approval under one piece of legislation does not guarantee approval under another. To reduce timelines, permit or approval applications may be submitted concurrently with the EA, however, these will not be approved until the EA process is complete. Also, the proponent can consult with other agencies to coordinate documentation that could meet both the EA and other applicable approvals as needed (Code of Practice: Environmental Assessments, pg 38).</p>	<p>Hydro One only plans to concurrently prepare for permits and approvals while the EA process is being undertaken.</p> <p>Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act comes first and approval under one piece of legislation does not guarantee approval under another. To reduce timelines, permit or approval applications may be submitted concurrently with the EA, however, these will not be approved until the EA process is complete. Hydro One will consult with other government agencies to coordinate documentation that could meet both the EA and other applicable approvals as needed.</p>	Section 2.1.1	No further comment
MECP - 132	<p>Soil Contamination (Sec. 7.1, pg. 62; Sec. 7.3, pg. 66):</p> <p>Please provide an approach for determining if and when assessing or managing soil contamination may be considered. While this may not be a significant concern, a complete assessment should consider the potential for soil contamination concerns and outline how they may be addressed. The Guide on Site Assessment, the cleanup of Brownfield Sites and the Filing of Record</p>	<p>The issue of soil compaction and measures to mitigate effects on soil permeability, drainage and hydraulic balance will be addressed in the EA. The potential for soil contamination will be considered and the Guide on Site Assessment, the cleanup of Brownfield Sites and the Filing of Record of Site Condition will be consulted to determine the most appropriate course of action.</p>	Section 6.5.1	In addition to those guidelines and BMPs listed in Section 6.5.1, Hydro One commits to consulting with the Guide on Site Assessment, the cleanup of Brownfield Sites and the Filing of Record of Site Condition to determine the most appropriate course of action.

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	of Site Condition can provide some direction.			
MECP - 133	<p>Acoustic Environment (Sec. 6.1.9, pg 56):</p> <p>Please provide additional detail for the reference routes by referring to the communities that will be crossed, recreational areas, the existing transmission line and other potential sensitive receivers.</p> <p>Noise level measurements, studies and/or mitigation measures may be required in some areas depending on the proximity to sensitive receivers.</p> <p>Acoustic and noise become a consideration when there is a point of reception and communities have a different acoustic environment. When a facility is proposed Ministry of the Environment's Guideline D-1 Land Use Compatibility outlines the proponent's responsibility in determining:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The influence area 2. Identity and distance from existing or committed sensitive land use(s); 3. Severity of impacts; and 4. Feasible mitigation (Guideline D-1, Sec 1.3.2). <p>Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Noise Guideline NPC 300 applies to EA projects. It provides sound level limits for different classes of areas</p>	<p>Additional detail for the reference routes by referring to the communities that will be crossed, recreational areas, the existing transmission line and other potential sensitive receivers has been provided in the text.</p>	<p>Section 5.1.9 has been revised.</p>	<p>It is section 5.2.9, not Section 5.1.9 (typo) in which Acoustic Environment is discussed.</p> <p>Hydro One has committed to verify existing noise sensitive land uses in the EA, including through ground-truthing, if required.</p> <p>Typo: change MOECP to MECP</p>

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	(eg. urban, rural).			
MECP - 134	<p>Human Health (Sec. 6.2.6, pg. 59):</p> <p>Please provide detail on how noise, air and water quality will be assessed and managed either by linking these to other sections of the ToR (Sec. 6.1.8, Sec. 6.1.9, Sec. 6.1.2) or by adding details into this section. This section commits to only providing baseline conditions and potential effects for EMF's. There are other human health issues that need to be addressed.</p>	<p>Human Health concerns will be addressed in the EA. In addressing potential health issues, Hydro One looks to the scientific expertise of Health Canada to assess the scientific studies and provide advice and guidance. Potential changes in surface water, air quality and noise due to Project activities can act as pathways to potential effects on human health. These criteria will be drawn upon to inform human health concern assessments in the EA.</p>	Section 5.2.4 modified.	<p>Now Section 5.3.4.</p> <p>Hydro one has committed to addressing all aspects of Human Health concerns and will seek the expertise of Health Canada to assess the scientific studies and provide advice and guidance. Please discuss issues that may arise from potential changes in surface water, air quality and noise due to project activities, and assess in the EA. This section should reflect on more than solely EMFs, and their impacts on human health.</p>
MECP - 135	<p>Infrastructure and Service (Sec. 6.2.8; pg. 60):</p> <p>The construction phase of this project will likely generate significant waste. The proponent should assess the projects effect on existing waste management services. Do local waste management services have the capacity to accept additional waste from the project?</p>	<p>The construction portion of the Project will generate some galvanized steel waste (estimated at 500 MT) and other construction waste. Preliminary inquiries to local waste management companies indicate that sufficient capacity for waste management exists along the proposed corridor.</p>	Section 5.2.6	<p>Now section 5.3.6. Within the EA please include specific details of the water management companies contacted regarding existing capacity.</p>
MECP - 136	<p>Appendix 2 – List of Preliminary Criteria and Indicators Table:</p> <p>Under Potential Data Sources, please add to Socio-economic Environment (existing land-use, approved development, commercial activities) MNRF, MMAH, MTCS, and Parks Canada. For unorganized land, MMAH is the approval</p>	<p>All suggested changes have been implemented to Appendix 1.</p>	Appendix 1 has been modified.	MECP has no further comments.

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	<p>authority. MNR administers the affected crown land and conservation authorities and Parks Canada the federal parks.</p> <p>Update the table to reflect any criteria and indicators under the Socio-Economic Environment for First Nation Communities through consultation and also include any from other stakeholders (eg. Traditional Land and Resources).</p> <p>Please rephrase land use in the table under the Rationale for Selection of Indicator to land use compatibility, when referring to potential for conflicts with existing land uses. While it may be inferred as stated, this ministry prefers to see land use compatibility clearly referenced.</p>			

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Archana Uprety, Hydrogeologist, Northern Region				
MECP - 137	<p>The study area in the EA should include 500 m on either side of the Reference Route and Alternative Routes. Project-specific potential environmental effects on groundwater resources are likely to occur within this area. For locations where extensive blasting is required, this distance may need to be increased.</p> <p>Amendment to the ToR/proposed commitment to address concern.</p>	<p>The Study Area can be broken up into three components: the Project Study Area (PSA), Local Study Area (LSA) and Regional Study Area (RSA). For the general purposes of Lake Superior Link, PSA is 500 m on either side of the ROW for reference route and alternative routes; LSA is 1 km from Reference Route boundary/ROW; and the RSA is approximately 5 km from the boundary of LSA. However, LSAs and RSAs aren't always consistent for each environmental factor. For example, study areas for the socio-economic assessment will be defined by criterion-specific LSAs and RSAs. A more detailed description of the study area and how the study area boundaries were determined will be provided in the EA.</p>	<p>Section 4.1 has been modified to outline the study areas.</p>	<p>No further comments.</p>
MECP - 138	<p>The study area in the EA should also include the area within 1 km from the project footprint, within which potential cumulative environmental effects on groundwater resources may occur.</p> <p>Amendment to the ToR/proposed commitment to address concern.</p>	<p>See response above. For the general purposes of Lake Superior Link, PSA is 500 m on either side of the ROW for reference route and alternative routes; LSA is 1 km from Reference Route boundary/ROW; and the RSA is approximately 5 km from the boundary of LSA.</p>	<p>Section 4.1 has been modified to outline the study areas.</p>	<p>No further comments.</p>
MECP - 139	<p>Section 6.1.2, page 52</p> <p>To reduce risk to groundwater, a desktop study and door-to-door survey should be conducted prior to construction to determine local groundwater conditions,</p>	<p>Section 5.1.2 has been revised.</p> <p>Wellhead protection areas, intake protection zones, highly vulnerable aquifers and significant groundwater recharge areas, source water protection</p>	<p>Section 5.1.2 has been revised.</p>	<p>No further comments.</p>

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	<p>and location of water supply wells. Should the study reveal shallow groundwater conditions, or water supply wells located within the vicinity of the transmission corridor, mitigation measures should be proposed to avoid potential negative effects.</p> <p>Amendment to the ToR/proposed commitment to address concern.</p>	<p>documentation and relevant policies will be reviewed. The description will be conducted via desktop studies and supplemented with field work, where required, for characterization of groundwater quality, or measurements of water levels or drawdown of water wells.</p>		
MECP - 140	<p>The EA should include a spill prevention and response plan, a waste management plan, and a blast management should blasting be required. The use of ammonium nitrate explosive in the vicinity of water supply wells should be avoided.</p> <p>Amendment to the ToR/proposed commitment to address concern.</p>	<p>Commitments on blasting, spills, waste management and blast management are outlined in Section 6.5.</p>	<p>Section 6.5 modified.</p>	<p>No further comments.</p>
MECP - 141	<p>Section 7, page 61</p> <p>The EA should identify potential effects, assess them, and recommend mitigation measures to reduce or avoid potential negative effects.</p> <p>Project activities which may impact groundwater resources such as during construction, operation and maintenance should be assessed. Including but not limited to, impact to water supply wells, potential contaminant discharges, disturbing pre-existing shallow contaminated soils, leaching of herbicides, managing precipitation and runoff, effects from dewatering, blasting,</p>	<p>Project activities which may impact groundwater resources such as during construction, operation and maintenance should be assessed. Including but not limited to, impact to water supply wells, potential contaminant discharges, disturbing pre-existing shallow contaminated soils, leaching of herbicides, managing precipitation and runoff, effects from dewatering, blasting, and artesian conditions. The issue of soil compaction and measures to mitigate effects on soil permeability, drainage and hydraulic balance will be addressed in the EA.</p>	<p>Section 6.5 revised.</p>	<p>No further comments.</p>

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	and artesian conditions. Amendment to the ToR/proposed commitment to address concern.			

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Scott Parker, Surface Water Specialist, Northern Region				
MECP - 142	<p>The environmental impacts to surface water quantity and quality from transmission line construction are generally limited to access road construction and RoW clearing. The potential long-term operational impacts are related primarily to increased erosion and sedimentation as well as short-term increases in water level or “flashy” stream flows due to access roads and the cleared RoW. There is also the potential that removal of tree cover in the RoW and changes in stream flows and water levels may increase concentrations of certain chemical constituents, stream temperature and suspended solids in receiving water. However, most, if not all, operational impacts to surface water quantity and quality may be mitigated by utilizing best management practices (BMPs) during the construction phase of the Project and by the inclusion of riparian vegetation buffer strips and erosion control measures along streams that intersect the RoW to attenuate runoff from the RoW, reduce sedimentation and erosion and provide shade cover thereby reducing stream temperature.</p>	<p>Detailed mitigation measures for potential effects on surface water will be developed during the EA and are addressed in Section 7.</p>	<p>No changes required.</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>
MECP - 143	<p>As the Lake Superior Link project moves forward, uncertainty can be reduced by making conservative assumptions, planning implementation of effective mitigation and monitoring measures and using available adaptive management measures to address potential unforeseen circumstances should they arise.</p>	<p>Detailed mitigation measures for potential effects on surface water will be developed during the EA and are addressed in Section 7.</p>	<p>No changes required</p>	<p>No further comment.</p>

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	Mitigation measures need to be based on proven and recognized best management practices, standard protocols for stream crossings, land clearing and/or working near water with machinery that are well understood and have been applied to road (and transmission line) construction projects throughout northern Ontario.			
MECP - 144	<p>The Project must be carried out in compliance with the best management practices for road construction and operation and will be constructed in accordance with the guidelines listed on page 63 of the Draft LSL ToR as well as Crown Land Bridge Management Guidelines (MNR 2008), Northern Land Use Guidelines – Access: Roads and Trails (INAC 2010) and Fish-Stream Crossing Guidebook (B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, B.C. Ministry of Environment and Fisheries and Oceans Canada 2012). It is recommended that the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Canadian Water Quality Guideline for the Protection of Aquatic Life for suspended sediment and turbidity be followed where bankside, in- stream and/or dewatering work is required. Trigger/threshold values should be established and sampling should occur in potential sensitive receivers before, during and after such work is undertaken. It is also recommended that the following Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications be included to the requirements related to road, bridge and ancillary area</p>	<p>All of the mentioned best management practices, guidelines, standards and guidebooks have been implemented into Section 6.5.</p> <p>Sediment and erosion control measures will be identified and addressed in the EA document. This includes identification of areas where soil or other factors could affect the effectiveness of those measures. Trigger/threshold values will be established for suspended sediment and turbidity be followed where bankside, in-stream and/or dewatering work is required. Sampling will occur in potential sensitive receivers before, during and after such work is undertaken.</p>	Section 6.5 has been modified.	No further comment.

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	<p>construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ontario Provincial Standard Specification (OPSS 805) – Construction Specifications for Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Measures• Ontario Provincial Standard Specification (OPSS 182) – General specifications for Environmental Protection for Construction in Waterbodies and on Waterbody Banks• Ontario Provincial Standard Specification (OPSS 518) – Construction Specifications for Control of Water from Dewatering Operations			