

## NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE AND INVITATION TO COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE Lake Superior Link Project – Hydro One Networks Inc.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Lake Superior project. The Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) *Updated Assessment of the Need for the East-West Tie Expansion, 2017* states that a new transmission line "...continues to be the recommended alternative to maintaining a reliable and cost-effective supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario for the long term." The EA will consider two route alternatives for a new 400 km, double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) near Thunder Bay and Wawa TS near Wawa, as shown on the map. The reference route generally parallels Hydro One's existing East-West Tie transmission corridor with the exception of a new section of corridor near Dorion and a section through Pukaskwa National Park where existing infrastructure would be modified. The reference route alternative generally parallels Hydro One's existing East-West Tie transmission corridor with the exception of a new corridor section near Dorion and a section that traverses around Pukaskwa National Park.

In March 2018, Hydro One hosted public information drop-ins along the project route to provide initial opportunities for stakeholders to learn more about the Lake Superior Link project, meet the project team and provide feedback. Hydro One is aware of the extensive consultation already completed on the reference route alternative and will make best efforts to streamline consultation and studies whenever possible.

### The Planning Process

This EA will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR) which will set out the framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the studies and consultation activities that will be undertaken. Important elements of this work will be to evaluate the reference route and reference route alternative, assess potential effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

A draft ToR will be made available for review and comment during early summer 2018. Hydro One anticipates that the ToR will be completed mid-summer 2018, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (Minister) for review and decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

### Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via community newspaper advertisements, mailings and on the project website. Members of Hydro One's project team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

We will be hosting another round of Community Information Centres as outlined below to provide a project update and continue discussions about delivering tangible benefits to communities in the project area.

### Please join us:

#### Monday, June 11, 2018

**Thunder Bay**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Valhalla Inn – Viking Room  
1 Valhalla Inn Road

**Nipigon**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 32  
102 5th Street

#### Tuesday, June 12, 2018

**Red Rock**  
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 226  
43 Salls Street

**Dorion**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Dorion Community Centre  
175 Dorion Loop Road

**Terrace Bay**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Terrace Bay Cultural Centre, 13 Selkirk Avenue

#### Wednesday, June 13, 2018

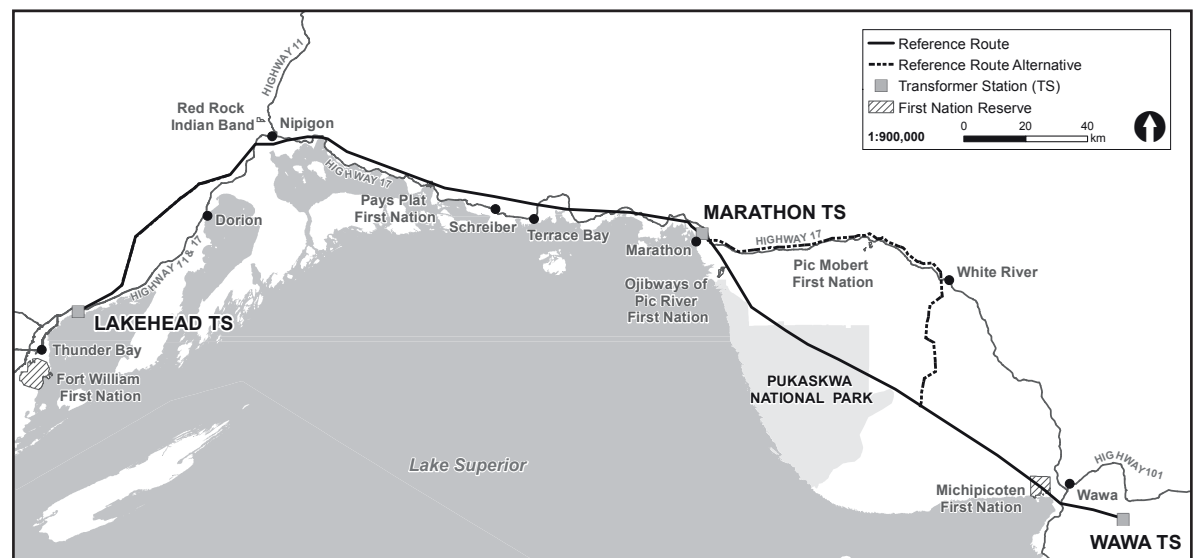
**Schreiber**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Schreiber Municipal Gym  
204 Alberta Street

**Marathon**  
2 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Marathon Centre Mall  
2 Hemlo Drive

#### Thursday, June 14, 2018

**White River**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
White River Community Centre  
6 Winnipeg Street

**Wawa**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 429  
51 Broadway Avenue



Information gathered at these Community Information Centres will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA.

### For further information about this project, please contact:

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