

Welcome

**to our Public Information Centre
for the proposed expansion of
Marathon Transformer Station**



Purpose of the Public Information Centre

Thank you for coming tonight. Please take the opportunity to meet our project team and learn more about:

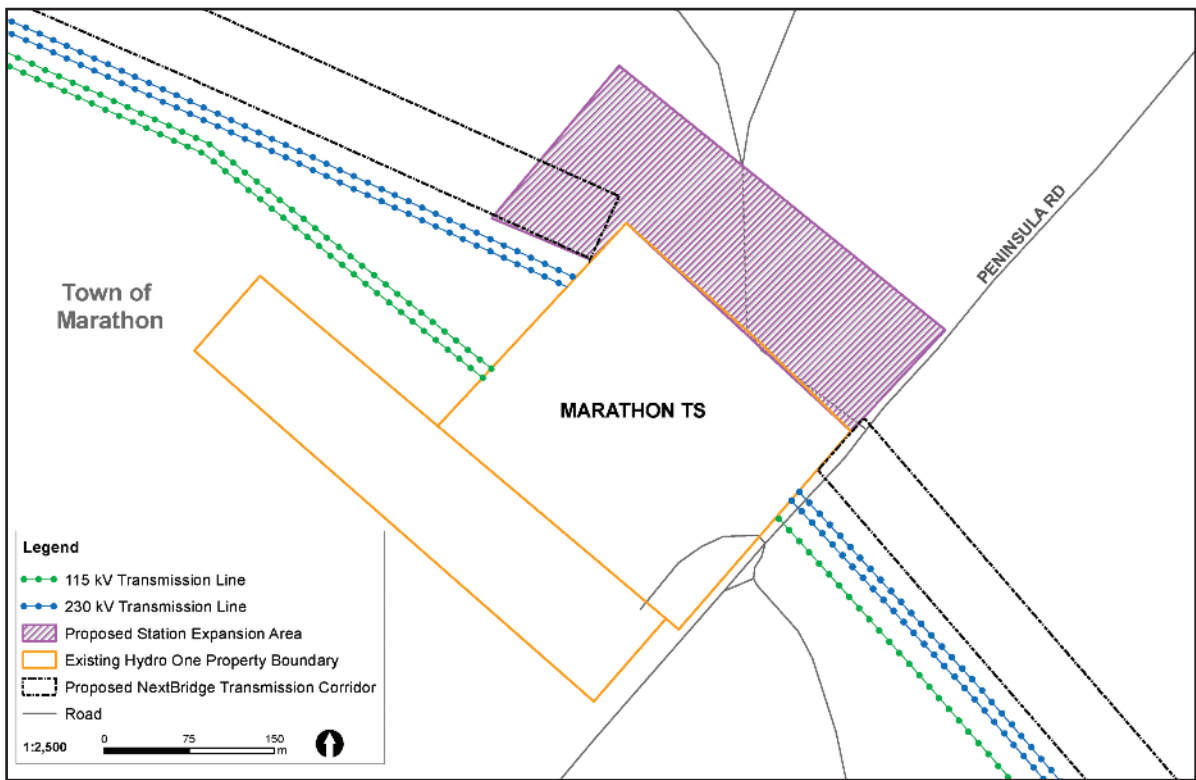
- The proposed project in your community
- The planning and approvals process
- Next steps in project planning, and opportunities for your participation

We're here to listen to your comments or concerns, obtain your feedback and answer your questions

The proposed project

- Hydro One's existing Marathon Transformer Station (TS) must be expanded in order to connect NextBridge Infrastructure's proposed new East-West Tie transmission line to the station
- The following station work would be required:
 - Installation of new electrical equipment
 - Connection of NextBridge's proposed new line to the station and reconfiguration of existing line connections
 - Installation of a new relay building, which would house electronic devices critical for safety, reliability and security of the power system
- To accommodate this work, the station would be expanded by approximately 5 hectares/12 acres onto adjacent Crown land

Proposed area for station expansion



Project approvals

Ontario *Environmental Assessment (EA) Act*

The proposed station expansion is subject to the Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the Ontario *EA Act*

As the proposed area for expansion would be acquired from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), the project will also be carried out according to the requirements of the Class EA for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects (MNR, 2002)

Ontario *Energy Board (OEB) Act*

“Leave to Construct” approval is required under Section 92 of the *OEB Act* for NextBridge’s proposed new East-West Tie transmission line and all associated work, including the proposed station expansion at Marathon TS

Class Environmental Assessment

- The Class EA is a streamlined planning process that has proven effective in ensuring that minor transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place
- As part of the Class EA process, a draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be available for a public review and comment period once the assessment is complete
- If no concerns are expressed during the public review and comment period, a final ESR will be filed with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), and the project will proceed
- If concerns are expressed during the review and comment period, Hydro One will make best efforts to resolve and incorporate them into the proposed project
- If Hydro One cannot satisfy all of the concerns raised during the review period, a written request (Part II Order) asking for a higher level of assessment (Individual EA) can be submitted to the MOECC

Environmental planning process

The potential effects of the project will be identified during project planning and design, as part of the Class EA process, including potential effects related to:

- Business and residential property owners
- Planned land uses and existing infrastructure
- Natural environment resources (terrestrial and aquatic)
- Archaeological (heritage) resources
- Forestry and mineral resources
- Recreational resources and landscape appearance

Environmental surveys

- Environmental surveys were conducted between July 7 – 9, 2017
- Breeding bird, crepuscular and amphibian surveys completed
- No Species at Risk (SAR) were observed or heard, including Woodland Caribou
- Aquatic resources are not anticipated to be impacted by this project

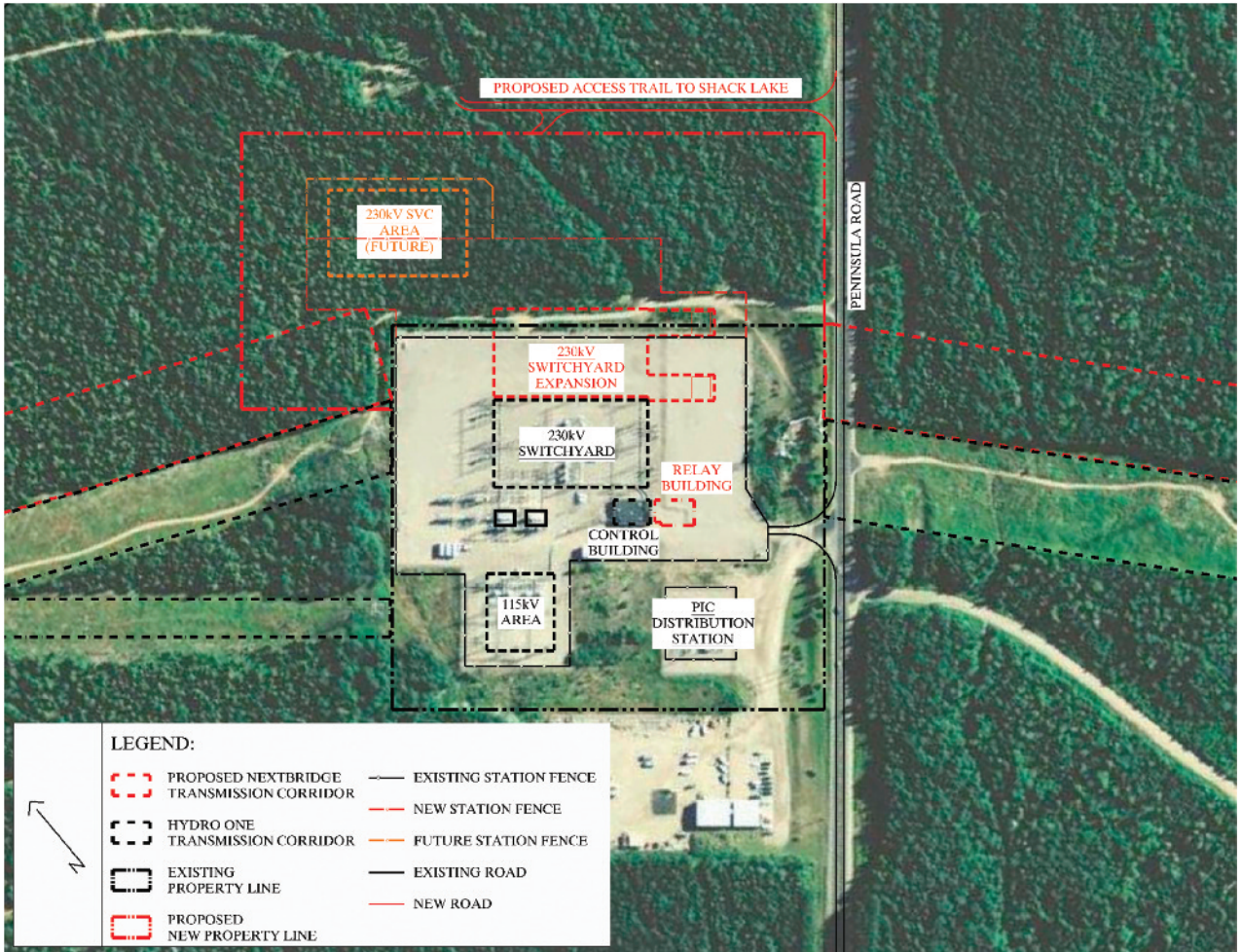


Environmental mitigation measures

Measures to reduce, prevent or mitigate potentially adverse environmental effects will include:

- Controlling noise, mud, dust and other nuisance effects during construction
- Conducting nesting bird surveys prior to vegetation removal
- Implementation of Best Management Practices for Woodland Caribou (MNRF, 2013) as appropriate
- Vehicle inspections and washing of soil-moving equipment to reduce transference of invasive species

Proposed station layout



Access to Shack Lake

- The current access trail to Shack Lake lies within the proposed station expansion area and would require relocation to accommodate the proposed project
- Relocation of the trail would be completed before Hydro One starts construction within the proposed expansion area
- Hydro One will ensure that the existing access trail is available until its relocation has been completed



Access to Shack Lake: proposed new trail location



Timeline

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Notification to First Nations and Métis communities	March 2017
Notification to the Town of Marathon	March 2017
Class Environmental Assessment initiated	May 2017
Public Information Centre	July 2017
Notice of Completion & draft Environmental Study Report available for a public review & comment period	Anticipated fall 2017
Final ESR filed with the MOECC	Anticipated early 2018
Decision from the OEB	Anticipated spring 2018
Shack Lake access trail rebuilt in its new location	Anticipated Spring 2018
Start of construction, contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process and approval from the OEB	Anticipated mid-2018
Project in-service	Anticipated December 2020

* Revised as of July 2017

Your input is important to us

Thank you for joining us at this Public Information Centre.

Please share your input and feedback with us,
and complete a comment form before you go.

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