

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

Class Environmental Assessment

Proposed Marathon Transformer Station Expansion

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to expand the existing Marathon Transformer Station (TS), located at 217 Peninsula Road in the Town of Marathon. This project is required to connect NextBridge Infrastructure's proposed new East-West Tie transmission line to the station.

As part of this project, the following work is being proposed:

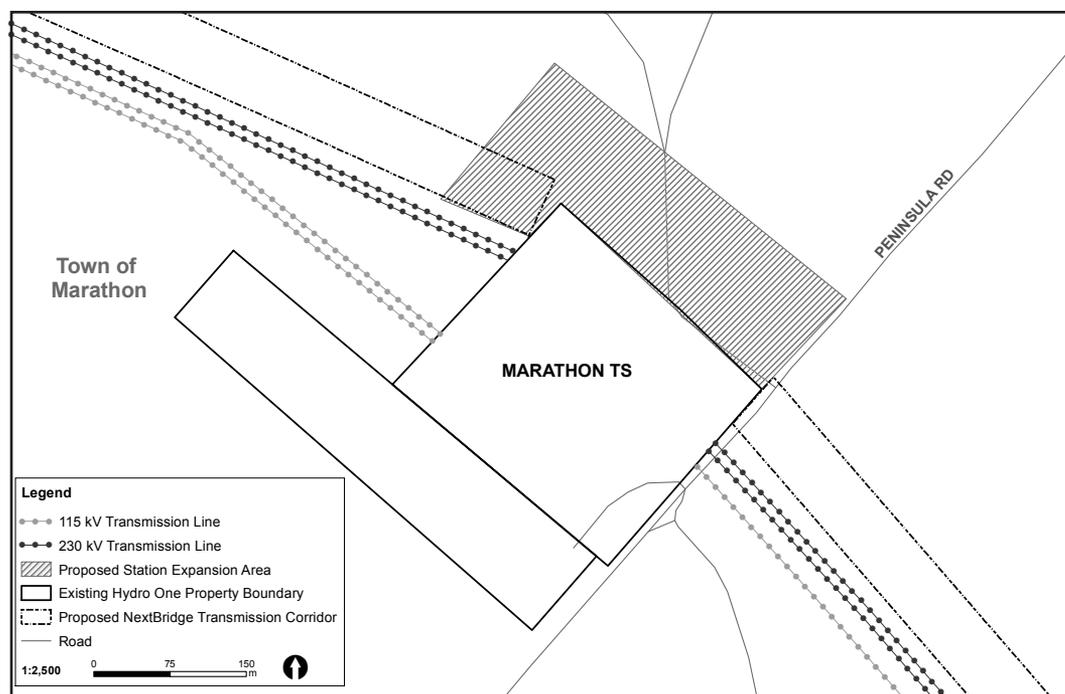
- Installation of new electrical equipment such as circuit breakers and disconnect switches;
- Connection of NextBridge's proposed new line to the station and reconfiguration of existing line connections; and
- Installation of a new relay building, which would house electronic devices critical for safety, reliability and security of the power system.

To accommodate this work, the existing Marathon TS would have to be expanded by approximately five hectares onto adjacent Crown land. Hydro One will seek to acquire the land from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

Please note that the access road to Shack Lake will be relocated to accommodate the proposed station expansion. Hydro One will consult with the MNRF, Town of Marathon and local groups to determine its new location off of Peninsula Road.

Project approval requirements

The proposed Marathon TS expansion project is subject to the *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities* (Hydro One, 2016), an approved planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The proposed work will also be carried out according to the requirements set out in the *Class EA for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects* (MNR, 2002). In addition, approval from the Ontario Energy Board is required for the proposed new East-West Tie Project and all associated work, including the proposed station expansion at Marathon TS. Contingent on the completion of the



Class EA process and OEB approval, construction could begin in mid-2018 in order to meet the planned in-service date of December 2020.

We want to hear from you

The Class EA process provides opportunities for First Nations and Métis communities, members of the public, businesses, stakeholder groups, government agencies and other interested parties to participate and provide feedback. Hydro One will be holding a Public Information Centre (PIC) in Marathon this summer to provide additional information and to gather input from nearby residents and other stakeholders. Notice of the PIC will be advertised in local media and delivered to area residents. Your input is important and we welcome your questions and comments.

For more information

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