

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Proposed Wawa Transformer Station Expansion

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to expand the existing Wawa Transformer Station (TS), located just north-east of Anjigami Lake, and approximately 20 km east of the Municipality of Wawa. 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 Wawa TS would be expanded by approximately half a hectare, as shown on the map.

The proposed Wawa TS Expansion Project is subject to the Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined planning process that has proven effective in ensuring that minor transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place.

The Class EA Process contains screening provisions that may apply to this project. In addition, approval from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is required for the proposed new East-West Tie Project and all associated work, including the proposed station expansion at Wawa TS. Contingent on the completion of the Class EA process and OEB approval, construction could begin as early as mid-2018 to meet the planned in-service date of December 2020.

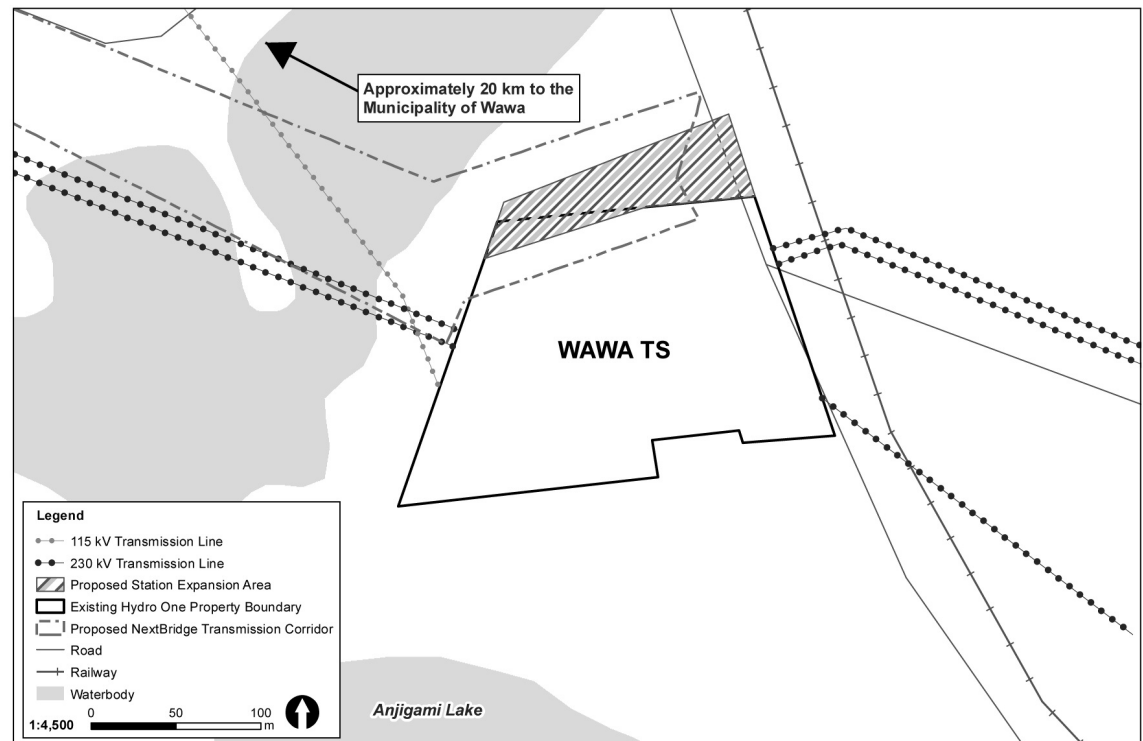
We want to hear from you

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. Your input is important and we welcome your questions and comments.

For more information

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