

# Notice of Commencement

## Class Environmental Assessment for Harper Corners to Westover Transmission Line Refurbishment (Circuit B5C)

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Harper Corners to Westover Transmission Line Refurbishment Project (Circuit B5C) between the Harper's Junction (JCT) near Harper Corners and the Enbridge Westover Customer Transformer Station (CTS) in Westover. The project area is shown on the attached map.

Hydro One is proud to energize life in communities across Ontario by ensuring safe and reliable power is available now and in the future. This circuit and equipment have deteriorated and to ensure long term reliability Hydro One is proposing to refurbish this transmission line. This project will ensure the continued reliability and integrity of the transmission lines and electricity supply in the region.

### Project Description

The proposed project will involve refurbishment of approximately 13 kilometres of existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit B5C) and replace approximately 90 wood pole structures.

Project work will include the replacement of aging electrical conductors, wood pole structures, shieldwire, and line hardware. To maintain reliability in the area new structures will be installed within the existing right-of-way. The existing circuit will be transferred to these new structures and an additional, temporary circuit will be added for the duration of the project to minimize requirements for outages. The temporary circuit will be removed following the completion of the refurbishment activities. Access to the right-of-way will be done by utilizing existing access roads and trails to the most extent possible.

### Class Environmental Assessment Process

This project is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Class EA for MTF) in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA for MTF is a streamlined process for planning transmission projects that have a predictable range of environmental effects and feasible mitigation measures that can be applied ( [www.HydroOne.com/ClassEA](http://www.HydroOne.com/ClassEA) ).

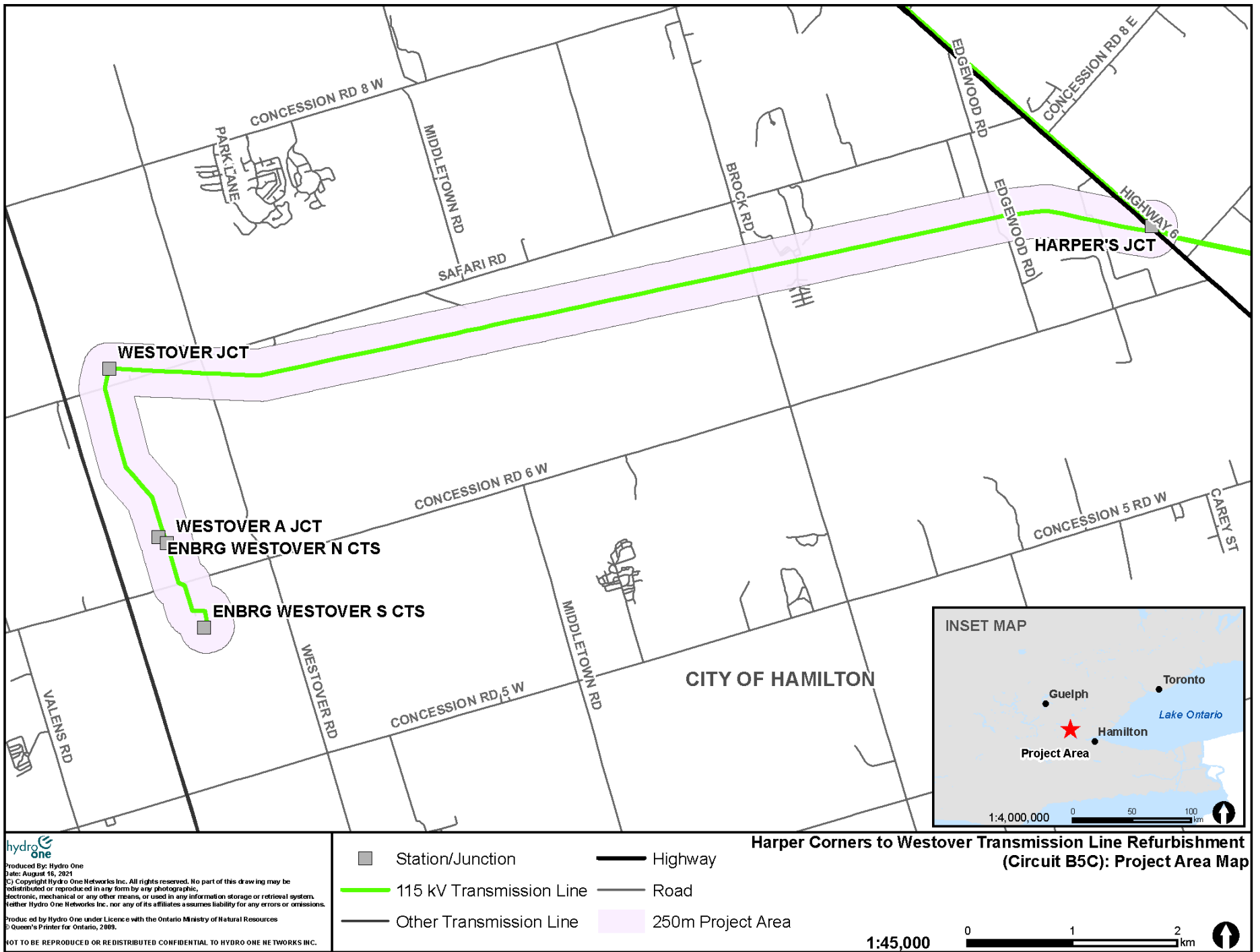
Within the Class EA for MTF there are two tiers of assessment (levels) designed to be commensurate with project scale and associated potential for environmental effects. These include: i) Screening Process, and ii) Full Class EA Process.

The Screening Process is a further streamlined process for smaller scale projects with minimal environmental effects (confirmed upon satisfying 16 screening criteria). This project is similar to examples provided within the Class EA document where the Screening Process would typically apply. As such, contingent upon consultation activities and satisfaction of the applicable criteria, it is anticipated that this project will follow the Screening Process.

Once the Class EA process is successfully completed, construction could commence as early as Q1 2023 and be completed by Q3 2025. We welcome your comments and feedback regarding the planned refurbishment by November 8, 2021.

### Find out more

To find out more about the work required and to read a Q&A on this and past proposed Hydro One projects in the area, visit our project website [www.HydroOne.com/B5C](http://www.HydroOne.com/B5C) or contact our Community Relations team.



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