

# Appendix F

## *Virtual Information Session Report*





# MEMO

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**SUBJECT:** Waasigan Transmission Line Virtual Information Session, July 30, 2020  
**OUR FILE:** 19-9676

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This memo summarizes the second public information session during the preparation of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. The event was held virtually on Thursday, July 30, 2020, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EDT / 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. CDT. Originally, this virtual information session (VIS) was intended to be an in-person Community Information Centre held in multiple communities in the study area; however, due to public health developments related to COVID-19, a virtual event was held instead where participants could access the meeting by telephone with the option to view a livestream presentation online.

The purpose of the VIS was to provide an update on the ToR development process, discuss the draft ToR and receive comments and answer questions from interested persons.

## Advertisement and Notices

The event was advertised through a variety of means, as outlined below. The advertisements encouraged people to pre-register and attend the event.

### Newspaper Advertisements

Thunder Bay Chronicle – Saturday, July 18, 2020  
Thunder Bay Source – Thursday, July 16, 2020  
Fort Frances Times – Wednesday, July 15, 2020  
Sioux Lookout Wawatay News – Friday, July 17, 2020  
Atikokan Progress – Monday, July 13, 2020 (first date of publishing)  
Dryden shopper/bulletin – Thursday, July 16 and Thursday, July 30, 2020

### Radio Advertisements

CKDR-FM Dryden – July 20 to July 30, 2020  
CJUK-FM Thunder Bay – July 20 to July 30, 2020

## Facebook Advertisements

July 20 to 30, 2020

A news release was sent out to local media outlets on July 21, 2020.

The community notice was delivered within the study area by Canada Post admail leading up to the VIS (**Appendix A**). Hydro One requested the notice arrive in mailboxes by July 13, 2020; however, due to delivery delays at Canada Post related to COVID-19, some deliveries were made after that date but still in advance of the VIS.

Email invitations were sent to elected officials on July 13, 2020, and a reminder was sent on July 27, 2020. Email invitations were sent on July 15, 2020, and July 16, 2020, to the remainder of the project contact list.

## Event Overview and Participants

As described in the event notices, participants had the option of accessing the event through either a “1-800” phone number or online via a link provided in the notices and on the project website. Approximately 2,000 people signed into the event for all or a portion of the VIS.

The event commenced at 7:30 p.m. EDT. Prime Contact facilitated the VIS. Opening remarks were by Daniel Levitan, Vice President of Stakeholder Relations at Hydro One.

Steven Mantifel, Senior Manager of External Relations at Hydro One then gave a presentation (**Appendix B**) that provided an overview of the project and the ongoing ToR development. Participants were able to see the presentation slides online. For those unable to access the online presentation, all of the content was read verbally.

A live question and answer period followed the presentation. There was an opportunity to submit questions in advance of the VIS by phone or email. Pre-submitted questions were read during the event by the facilitator. Participants also had the opportunity to ask questions and/or provide comments during the live session.

A panel of staff from Hydro One and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) was available to answer questions and included the following individuals:

Daniel Levitan Vice President, Stakeholder Relations, Hydro One  
Bruce Hopper, Manager, Power System Projects, Hydro One  
Sarah Cohanin, Environmental Planner, Hydro One  
Jamie Waller, Senior Real Estate Coordinator, Hydro One  
Christine Goulais, Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations, Hydro One  
Tausha Esquega, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations, Hydro One  
Devi Shantilal, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations, Hydro One  
Susan Harrison Supervisor, Regional and Community Engagement, IESO  
Beverly Nollert, Manager, Transmission Planning, IESO

Following the live question and answer period, Daniel Levitan provided closing remarks. The event ended at approximately 8:30 p.m. EDT.

## Questions and Comments

The results of the three survey polling questions (**Appendix C**) are summarized in **Table 1**.

**TABLE 1: SURVEY POLLING QUESTION SUMMARY**

Survey Question	Options	Response
<b>Question 1: Why are you joining us this evening?</b>	1) To learn more about the Waasigan Transmission Line Project	1) 49
	2) Interested in preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line	2) 10
	3) To learn how to participate in the project	3) 7
	4) Interest in project line	4) 2
	5) To ask a question to the project team	5) 1
	6) All of the above	6) 26
	7) Other reasons	7) 8
	<b>Total Responses</b>	
<b>Question 2: What is your preferred method to receive project updates or information?</b>	1) Direct Mail	
	2) Email	1) 21
	3) Virtual Information Sessions/Tele-TownHalls	2) 27
	4) In-Person Meetings, when it's safe to do so	3) 8
	5) All of the above	4) 4
	6) Other	5) 25
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>85</b>
<b>Question 3: After this evening's Virtual Information Session, what is your level of support for Hydro One's Waasigan Transmission Line Project?</b>	1) Very Supportive	1) 21
	2) Supportive	2) 15
	3) Neutral or Unsure	3) 31
	4) Not Very Supportive	4) 2
	5) Not Very Supportive at All	5) 4
<b>Total Responses</b>		<b>73</b>

As shown in **Table 1**, the majority of participants in the surveys joined to learn more about the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. In terms of the method of receiving project updates or information, the majority of participants selected Email as their preferred method, followed closely by all of the methods mentioned. The majority of participants who responded to the third survey polling question indicated their level of support for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project was Neutral or Unsure.



The following presents the questions raised by the participants and answers provided by members of the Panel.

### **Pre-Submitted/Moderator-Read Questions**

- Question: A question was emailed to us before the event from a member of the public who lives in the area between Thunder Bay and Atikokan. She wanted to know if the project will increase local power, as she has experienced brown-outs over the last couple years when it is hot outside.

*Response: The Waasigan Transmission Line project will provide increased capacity for the bulk transmission capacity. It will not address any local brown-out problems that are related to the distribution scale power lines. Hydro One has recently invested to address the issue in this area and will continue working to improve reliability in this area.*

- Question: A member of the public in Lappe asked if Hydro One would consider using the existing transmission infrastructure in his community for the Waasigan Transmission Line.

*Response: The Waasigan Transmission Line project will require the construction of new towers to support the new transmission line. The existing towers cannot be used.*

- Question: A member of the public in Atikokan asked, how many local people will be hired for this work and how long the jobs will last?

*Response: While it is anticipated that the project will provide local employment and contracting opportunities, it is not known at this time the size of the required construction workforce. This will be determined as part of future environmental assessment and design work.*

- Question: A member of the public in Atikokan asked if this line needed to help with the Ring of Fire development.

*Response: This transmission project does specifically support the Ring of Fire, which is located in central northern Ontario.*

- Question: A member of the public from Thunder Bay asked, why is Hydro One doing the development work if there is no firm construction date?

*Response: The IESO has recommended that Hydro One start the development work for a double-circuit 230 kV line from Thunder Bay to Atikokan and a single-circuit 230 kV line from Atikokan to Dryden. Development work includes preliminary design and engineering, cost estimation, public and Indigenous engagement and consultation, routing and siting, as well as an environmental assessment. We are starting the development work now so we are ready when the need materializes.*

- Question: A member of the public from O'Connor asked how he can provide input into the Terms of Reference if he does not have access to technology, like a computer, or simply is not good with computers.

*Response: Hydro One aims to provide all project documents in formats that are accessible to members of the public. It was suggested that he contact the Community Relations team via telephone to discuss options for obtaining documents.*

- Question: A member of the public from Wabigoon area asked if there will be economic participation opportunities for the First Nations.

*Response: Hydro One is committed to the economic participation of Indigenous communities and businesses in the Waasigan project. This will be accomplished through training and employment opportunities for Indigenous community members, as well as the purchase of goods and services from Indigenous-owned businesses. Hydro One is actively working on identifying these opportunities. Discussions with Indigenous community leaders will be ongoing through the environmental assessment process.*

- A member of the public from O'Connor asked how Hydro One came up with these alternative routes and when a final route will be decided.

*Response: Alternative routes presented in the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) identified using a transmission line siting model. The model considered available baseline data, including the location of existing right-of-ways, such as transmission lines or roads, environmentally sensitive features and land uses, as well as technical factors. Feedback received from stakeholders and Indigenous Communities through engagement during the development of the Draft ToR were also incorporated into this model to refine the alternative routes. The routes are considered preliminary or draft and Hydro One is seeking feedback on the routes right now. The routes will be refined based on the feedback received during the draft review process. Once the ToR is approved, Hydro One will move into the Environmental Assessment phase and one of the first activities of the Environmental Assessment is to complete an evaluation of the alternative routes to determine a preferred route. There will be additional engagement opportunities early in the Environmental Assessment for Hydro One to provide more information about the evaluation process and to receive additional feedback prior to selecting a preferred route.*

- A couple from Dryden submitted a question related to electric and magnetic fields, or EMFs. They said they are concerned about the health risks of EMFs and want to know how Hydro One will consider EMFs when choosing where the final route will be.

*Response: EMF is always an important factor to consider in the assessment of environmental effects of a transmission line. In general, EMFs are the strongest at the source. Strength*

*weakens the further away from the source. Hydro One takes its direction from Health Canada. Currently Health Canada does not consider that any precautionary measures are needed regarding daily exposures to EMFs. Nonetheless, effects of EMF will be analyzed in the environmental assessment process.*

- Question: A member of the public asked how Hydro One is working with Indigenous communities.

*Response: Hydro One has been actively engaging with Indigenous Communities through the sharing of project information, holding meetings and workshops and receiving their input, including concerns and how they would like to be involved in the environmental assessment. The environmental assessment will also involve the collection and consideration of Indigenous Knowledge.*

- Question: A question submitted in advance by a member of the public asking, how will the project benefit the north? What will the benefits be?

*Response: Hydro One is committed to supporting economic growth in the Region through local hiring and the purchase of goods and services from local Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and businesses. Hydro One is also committed to building local capacity through training.*

- Question: A member of the public from Shuniah asked if any of Hydro One's studies will impact hunting season this fall.

*Response: It is not expected that field surveys will have impacts to hunting; however, safety considerations will be taken into account when planning timing of the field studies.*

- Question: A member of the public in Dryden asked when construction would start, and how long will it take to build.

*Response: A construction start date has not yet been determined. While this is to be confirmed, a line of this size typically takes 3 to 4 years from the start of construction activities.*

- Question: A member of the public in Atikokan asked, how many local people will be hired for this work and how long the jobs will last?

*Response: It is not known at this time the size of the required construction workforce. This will be determined as part of future environmental assessment and design work. Construction jobs are expected to last up to a 3-4 year period.*

- Question: A member of the public asked, is Hydro One actually going to consider our input or is it just another 'check box' to do what you have already decided?

*Response: Input received on the Project is all being documented and the process requires us to describe how the comments has been considered. This is being documented in the Terms of Reference and will be documented in the future environmental assessment report.*

- Question: A member of the public asked, does Hydro One recognize and respect the United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?

*Response: Hydro One will respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples including the Aboriginal and treaty rights of Aboriginal peoples as recognized and affirmed in section 35 of The Constitution Act, 1982. Hydro One implements a robust project engagement and consultation approach with Indigenous communities consistent with the directions set out by the Courts on the Crown's duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate. Hydro One is committed to implement best project consultation practices and as such will monitor closely discussions undertaken by Federal and or Provincial Governments related to developing action plans for implementing UNDRIP.*

- Question: A member of the public submitted a question in advance and he would like to know, how much does Hydro One offer for its property requirements?

*Response: Real estate requirements will be identified once a preferred route has been identified and Hydro One will work with directly affected property owners who have a proposed structure or section of corridor on their property.*

- Question: A member of the public asked if Hydro One is consulting with the Métis, in addition to First Nations, and how?

*Response: Hydro One has received Delegation of Consultation from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) which provides Hydro One with a list of Indigenous communities with whom Hydro One is required to consult with on this project. The list identifies First Nation and Métis communities. Hydro One is consulting with all Indigenous communities identified by the Ministry, including the Métis Nation of Ontario and the Red Sky Independent Métis Nation. A variety of engagement and consultation activities are being held including information sharing, meetings and workshops and providing capacity to facilitate their participation.*

## **Live Questions and Responses**

- Question: What will the capacity of the new 230 kV line be?

*Response: The new line will provide for an increase in electricity transfer by up to 350 MW.*

- Question: With businesses closing in northwestern Ontario, why do we need the extra power?

*Response: The IESO plans for growth over the long term. Although there is always some risk in forecasting, studies conducted by the IESO show that additional electricity will be required to meet growth projected in the mid-2020s.*

- Question: Will information discussed in this VIS form part of the Record of Consultation? What will come out of this event?

*Response: Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line project is an open and transparent process. All questions and answers will be included in the Terms of Reference Record of Consultation which will be available for public review.*

- Question: How can a member of the public access documents without a computer?

*Response: All project documents are provided in formats that are accessible to members of the public. It was suggested that the participant contact the Community Relations team to discuss options for obtaining documents.*

- Question: How will the project benefit the north?
- *Response: Hydro One is committed to supporting economic growth in the Region through local hiring and the purchase of goods and services from local Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and businesses. Hydro One is also committed to building local capacity through training.*

- Question: Has Hydro One considered the recent changes to the *Environmental Assessment Act* resulting from Bill 197? What are the implications for the Waasigan project?

*Response: Hydro One is still reviewing Bill 197 for implications to the Waasigan project. The changes are still very recent. We are not aware that that this Bill will significantly change the process for Individual environmental assessments.*

- Question: Where will the power to be carried in the transmission line be generated and what are the impacts of that generation?

*Response: Transmission lines in Ontario receive energy from a variety of generation sources across the province. The impacts of generation are considered during regulatory approval processes for those projects.*

- Question: Will Hydro One expropriate Indigenous lands?

*Response: None of the proposed route alternatives cross reserve lands, so no Indigenous lands will be required. Indigenous consultation is critical to the Waasigan environmental assessment process as is Indigenous inclusion through employment and the purchase of goods and services.*

- Question: What role will the Atikokan Generating Station (GS) play in the Waasigan system?

*Response: The IESO is monitoring system capacity, needs and timing and will consider the Atikokan GS in the systems review process.*

- Question: Will Indigenous communities receive economic benefits?

*Response: Hydro One is committed to the economic participation of Indigenous communities at businesses in the Waasigan project. This will be accomplished through training and employment of Indigenous community members, as well as the purchase of goods and services from Indigenous-owned businesses.*

- Question: What Indigenous capacity is being discussed and through what programs? How will Indigenous inclusion be tracked for the environmental assessment? Same question for gender-based tracking.

*Response: At this stage in the process Hydro One is reaching out to local colleges, universities and training organizations to explore opportunities for Indigenous employment training. It is still very early in the environmental assessment process to be tracking the amount of inclusion. The environmental assessment will address future data tracking requirements, including employment and training for Indigenous people and gender-based hiring.*

- Question: How were the alternatives identified?

*Response: The preliminary alternative routes presented in the draft Terms of Reference were identified within the refined route selection study area considering available baseline information, including the location of existing infrastructure right-of-ways, environmental sensitive features and land uses, such as settlement areas. Feedback received from stakeholders and Indigenous communities through engagement opportunities during development of the draft Terms of Reference was also incorporated into a GIS-based transmission line siting model based on natural, socio-economic, technical and Indigenous perspectives. This model was used to identify the alternative routes. Engagement opportunities will continue into the environmental assessment phase to gather further input on the alternative routes and route evaluation process.*

- Question: Will development of the Waasigan transmission line allow for more local electricity generation?

*Response: Yes, there will be opportunities for local-based generation to utilize the Waasigan line.*

- Question: Have the Métis been consulted?

*Response: Hydro One is consulting with all Indigenous communities identified by ENDM, including the Métis Nation of Ontario and the Red Sky Métis Independent Nation. A variety of engagement and consultation activities are being held including information sharing, meetings and workshops and providing capacity to facilitate their participation.*

- Question: What impacts will be caused to wildlife?

*Response: The protection of wildlife resources is very important to Hydro One. The goal is to avoid impacts as much as possible. A preliminary assessment of potential impacts is provided in the draft Terms of Reference. A more detailed assessment will be conducted during the environmental assessment process. Hydro One is interested in receiving input from members of the public that will help with the effects assessment.*

- Question: What are the three lines on the map coming into the Lakehead TS?

*Response: The three lines are alternative routes that are under consideration. The identified alternative routes follow existing infrastructure to varying degrees. An interactive map is available on the Waasigan project website that clearly identifies each line. The map can be expanded to provide more detail.*

- Question: How much does Hydro One offer to property owners for encroachment?

*Response: Real estate requirements will be identified once a preferred route has been identified and Hydro One will work with directly affected property owners to determine the value of the impacted property.*

- Question: Would it be possible to receive a more detailed map of the alternative corridors? Why not use existing right of ways? Why are the lines not crossing Crown land instead of private property? Will Hydro One provide email addresses for the VIS panelists?

*Response: There are detailed interactive maps of the alternative corridors available on the Waasigan project website. Members of the public can also reach out to Hydro One Community Relations staff to request hard copies or for more information. The line is expect to cross both private and crown land. To receive contact information for the project team, please reach out to the Community Relations email address or phone line.*

## **Appendix A**





# PLEASE JOIN US

## FOR THE WAASIGAN VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

July 15, 2020

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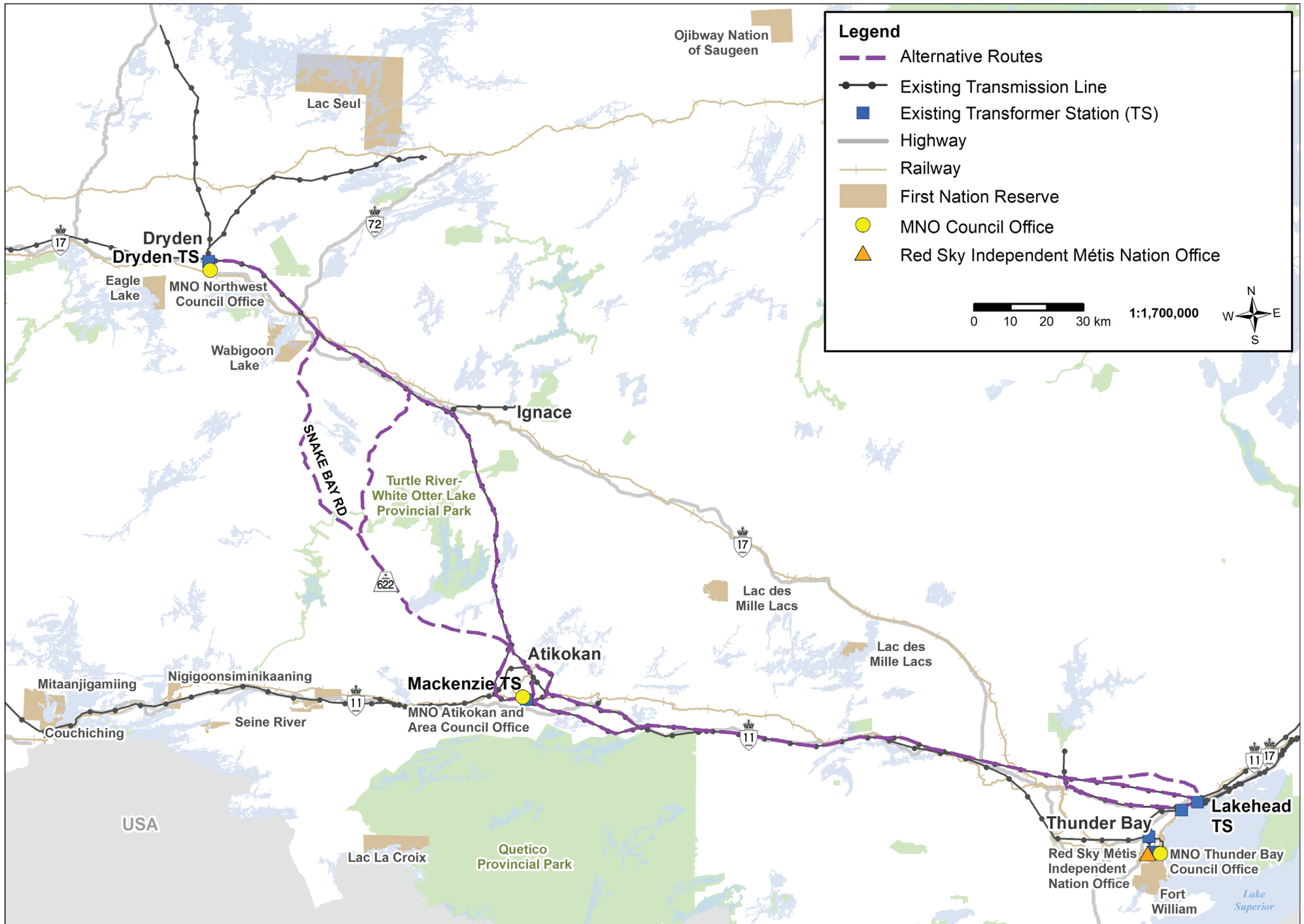
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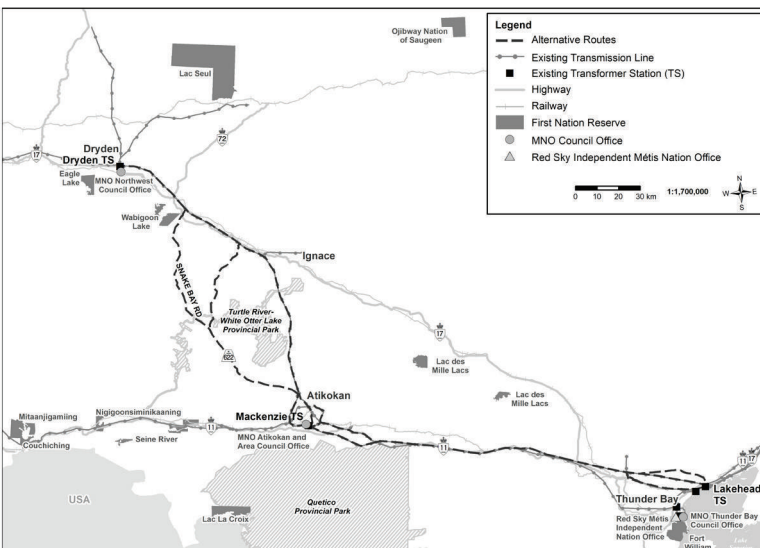
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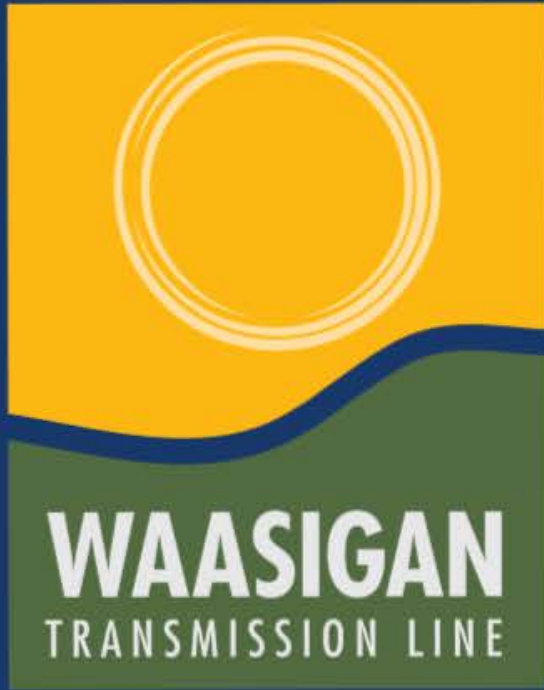
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**Date first issued: July 13, 2020.**

## **Appendix B**



# POWERING NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO





# WELCOME

## TO THE WAASIGAN VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

# POLLING QUESTION

Why are you joining us this evening?

1. To learn more about the Waasigan Transmission Line project
2. Interest in preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line
3. To learn how to participate in the project
4. Interest in project timelines
5. To ask a question to the project team
6. All of the above
7. Other



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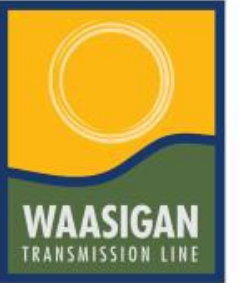


# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. Project overview and update
2. Information on the recently released draft Terms of Reference
3. Overview of the preliminary alternative routes
4. Working with Indigenous communities
5. How to provide your feedback
6. Key milestones and next steps
7. Live question and answer session

# KEY ORGANIZATIONS

Building infrastructure to meet the energy needs of today and tomorrow involves a number of partners, including:



Builds, owns, operates and maintains electricity transmission and distribution facilities across Ontario.



Oversees planning to ensure electricity needs are met both now and in the future.



Regulates the electricity market in Ontario, including electricity rates.



# OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

- Hydro One has been powering northwestern Ontario homes and businesses for over 70 years.
- Consultation and community engagement is a top priority for Hydro One.
- Hydro One wants to build long-term job skills capacity in the region. We understand the potential that exists in northwestern Ontario, and believe in supporting growth in the region.



# WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE



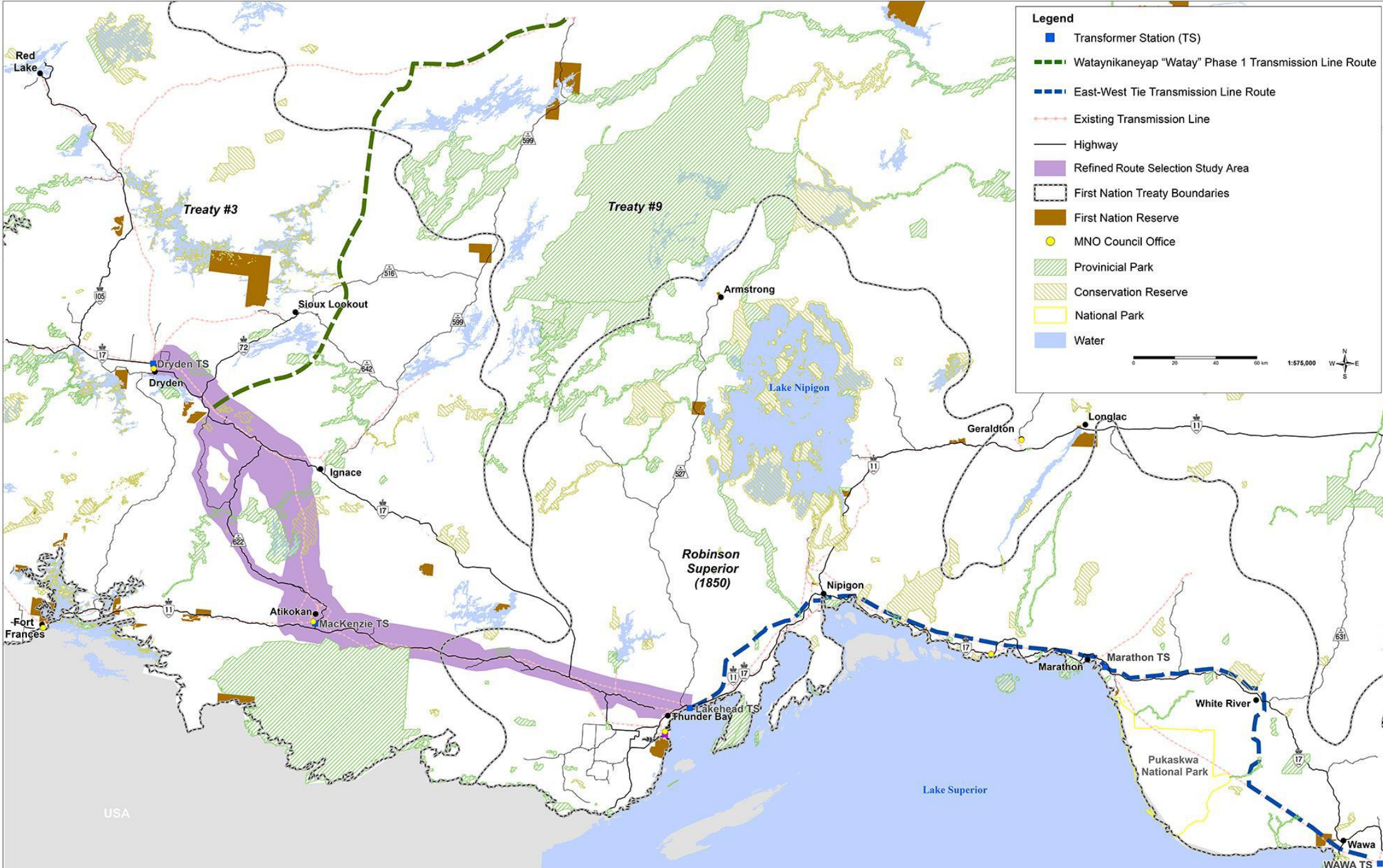
- In April 2019, Hydro One initiated an environmental assessment for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Waasigan is an Ojibwe word for “bringing power”.
- Waasigan is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie Transformer Station in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kilovolt line between Mackenzie Transformer Station and Dryden Transformer Station in the City of Dryden.
- Waasigan is a critical link to unlocking the economic potential that exists in the northwest.



**Legend**

- Transformer Station (TS)
- — — Wataynikaneyap "Watay" Phase 1 Transmission Line Route
- - - East-West Tie Transmission Line Route
- - - Existing Transmission Line
- Highway
- Refined Route Selection Study Area
- First Nation Treaty Boundaries
- First Nation Reserve
- MNO Council Office
- Provincial Park
- Conservation Reserve
- National Park
- Water

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# THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



The environmental assessment (EA) is a planning tool designed to assess the existing environment and avoid or mitigate potential effects before proceeding with a proposed project.



An EA under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* consists of two main components:

## STEP 1

### The Terms of Reference (ToR)

- The ToR establishes the framework for how the EA will be prepared, and identifies alternatives, such as the preliminary alternative routes, which will be further assessed in the EA.
- The ToR will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision.

## STEP 2

### The Environmental Assessment (EA)

- The EA will proceed as outlined in the approved ToR.
- The EA will assess and evaluate alternative routes and determine a preferred route for the new transmission line.
- The EA will identify other required project components, assess effects of the proposed project, and describe mitigation and other impact management measures to avoid or minimize effects to the environment.

★ **We are here** ★

**Opportunities for input**



# WHAT'S IN THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE?

The draft Terms of Reference includes the following:



**DESCRIPTION OF AND RATIONALE** for the project



**DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT** (natural and socio-economic) and potential effects of the project



**PURPOSE OF THE EA** and the project



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS** and monitoring



**DESCRIPTION OF HOW** the EA will be prepared



**EA CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLANS,** and record of consultation for the ToR



**IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVES** (e.g., preliminary alternative routes) and evaluation to be completed in the EA



**OTHER PERMITS, APPROVALS** and authorizations that may be required

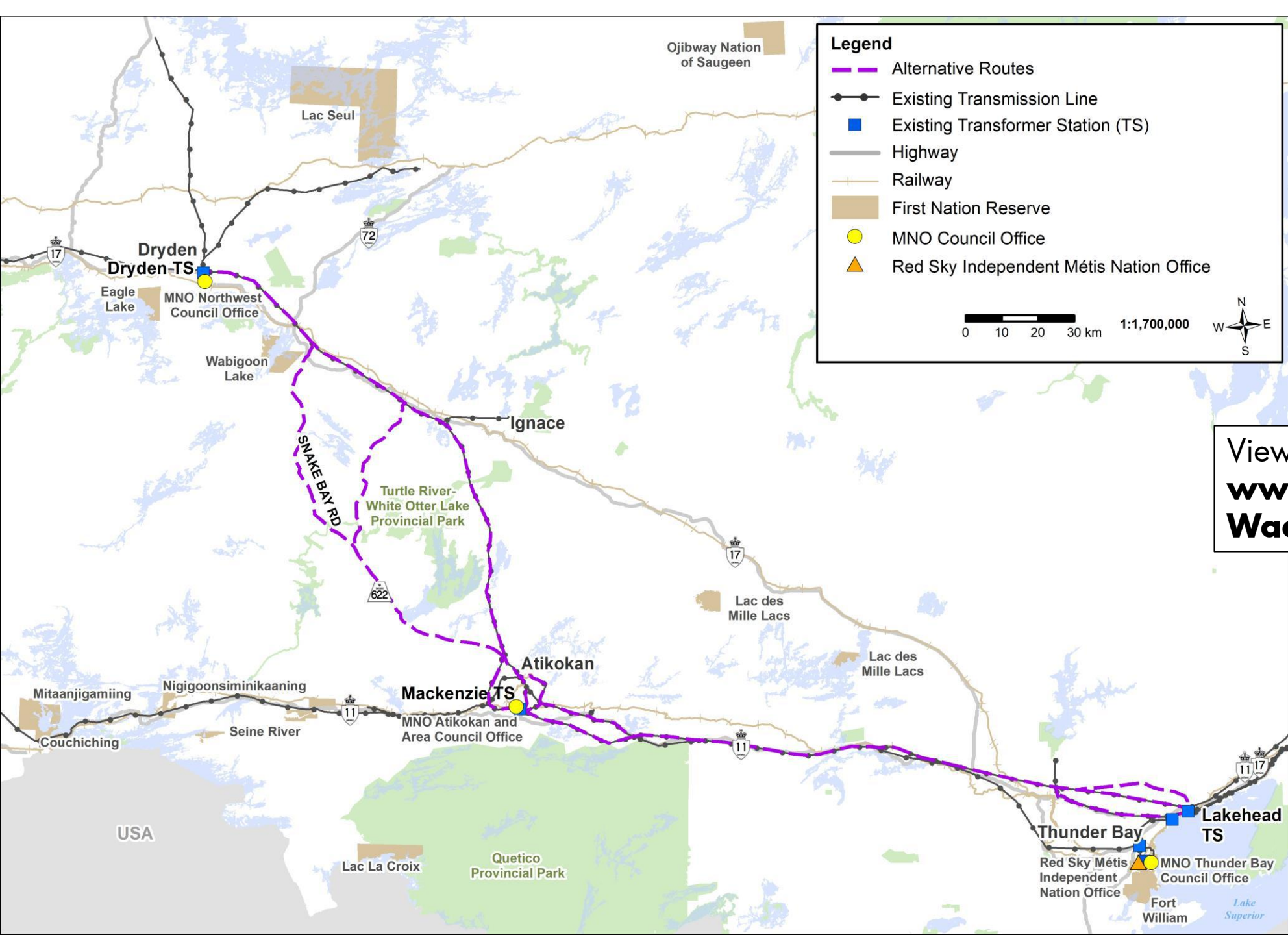
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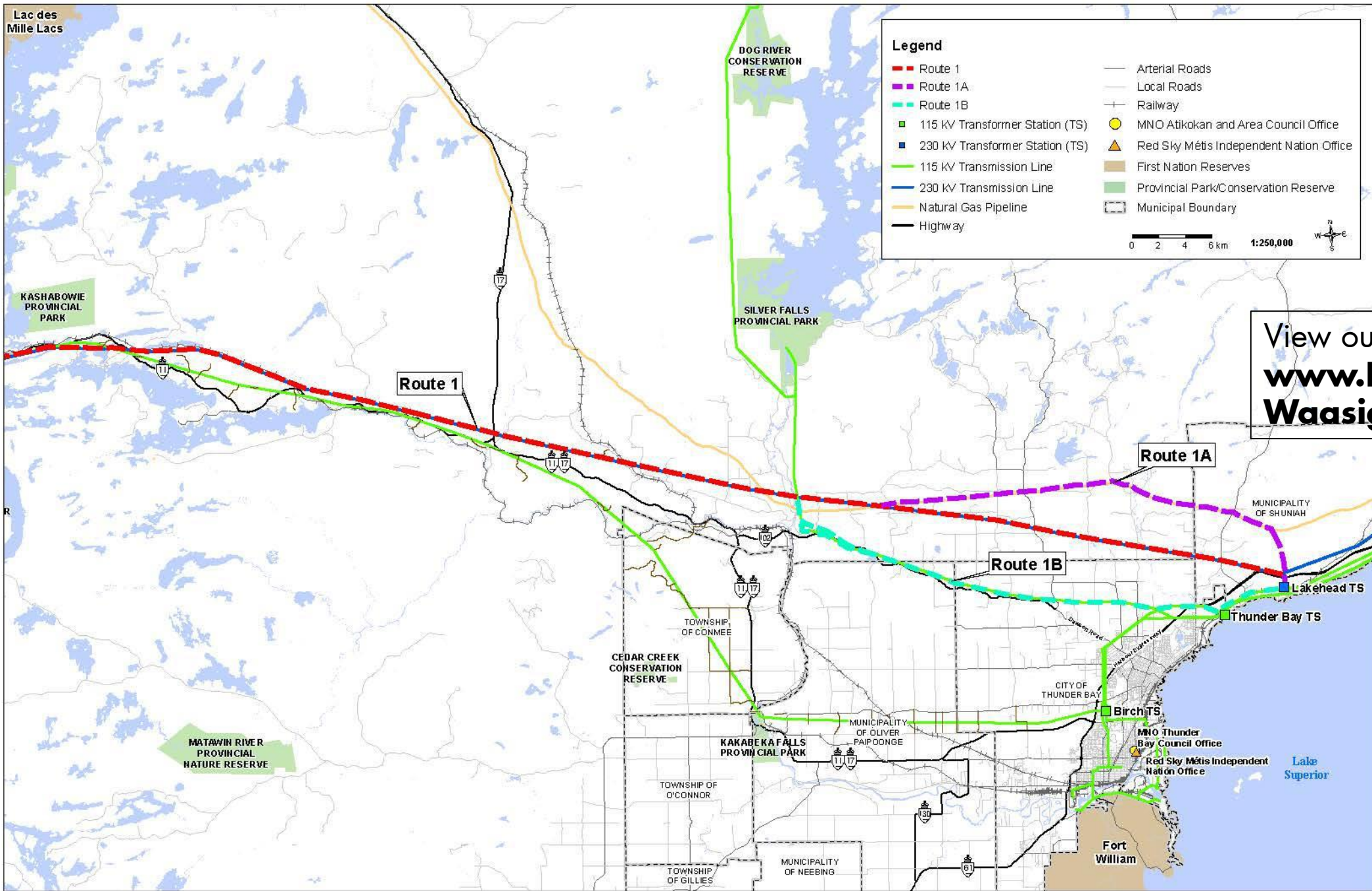
<b>APRIL 2019</b>	Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
<b>SPRING 2019-20</b>	Consultation, data collection, and development of alternative routes
<b>JUNE 2020</b>	Draft Terms of Reference public review period begins
<b>FALL 2020</b>	Proposed Terms of Reference submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
<b>LATE 2020</b>	Terms of Reference decision by Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
<b>JAN 2021</b>	Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment
<b>2021-2022</b>	Consultation and data collection on Environmental Assessment study areas
<b>2022</b>	Draft Environmental Assessment review
<b>2022</b>	Leave to Construct (Section 92) application submission
<b>2023/2024</b>	Decision on Environmental Assessment by Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
<b>2023/2024</b>	Leave to Construct (Section 92) application decision
<b>END OF 2024</b>	Complete development work

INPUT, CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT





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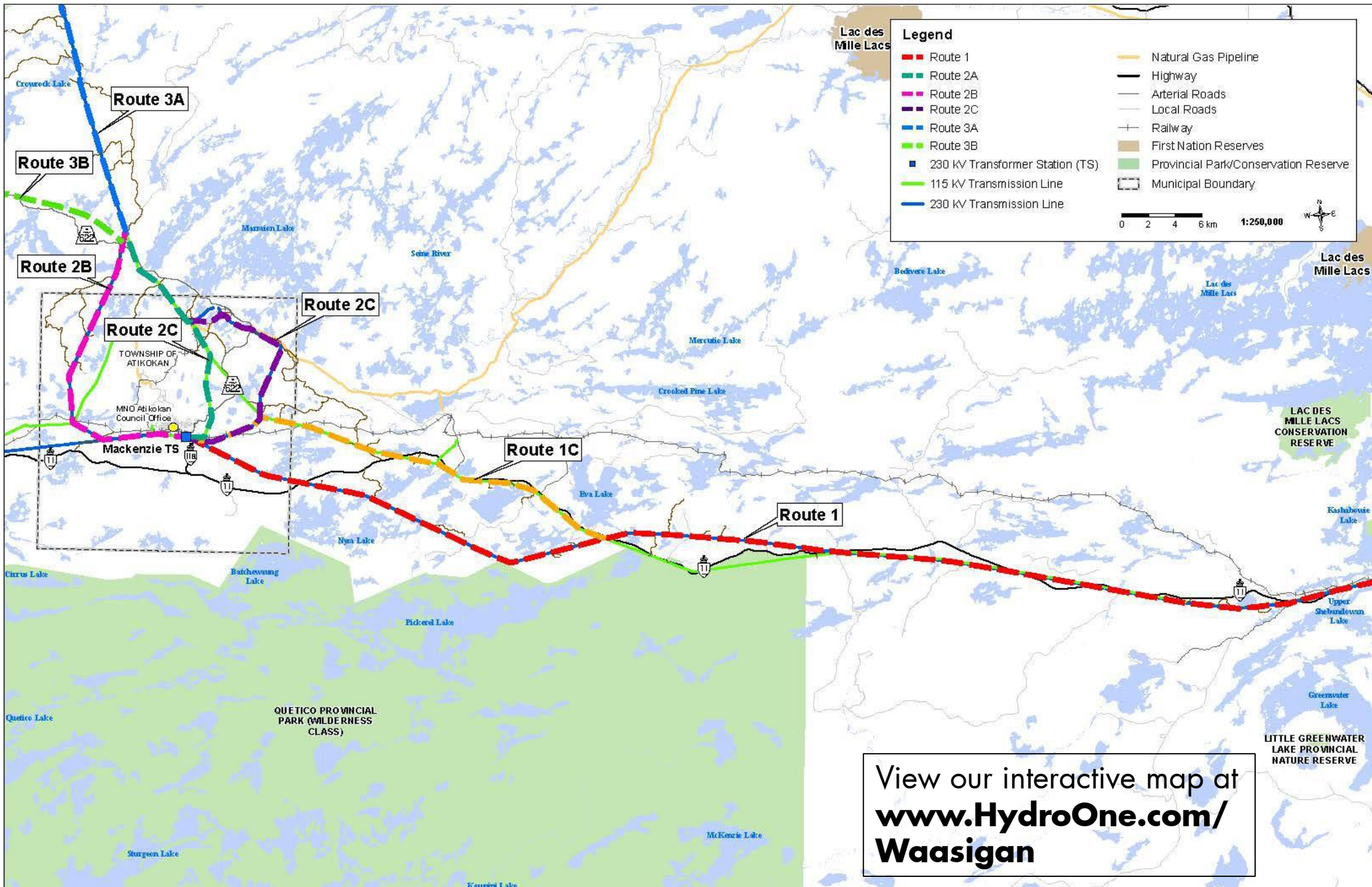
**Legend**

- Route 1
- Route 1A
- Route 1B
- 115 kV Transformer Station (TS)
- 230 kV Transformer Station (TS)
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- Highway
- Arterial Roads
- Local Roads
- Railway
- MNO Atikokan and Area Council Office
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Provincial Park/Conservation Reserve
- Municipal Boundary

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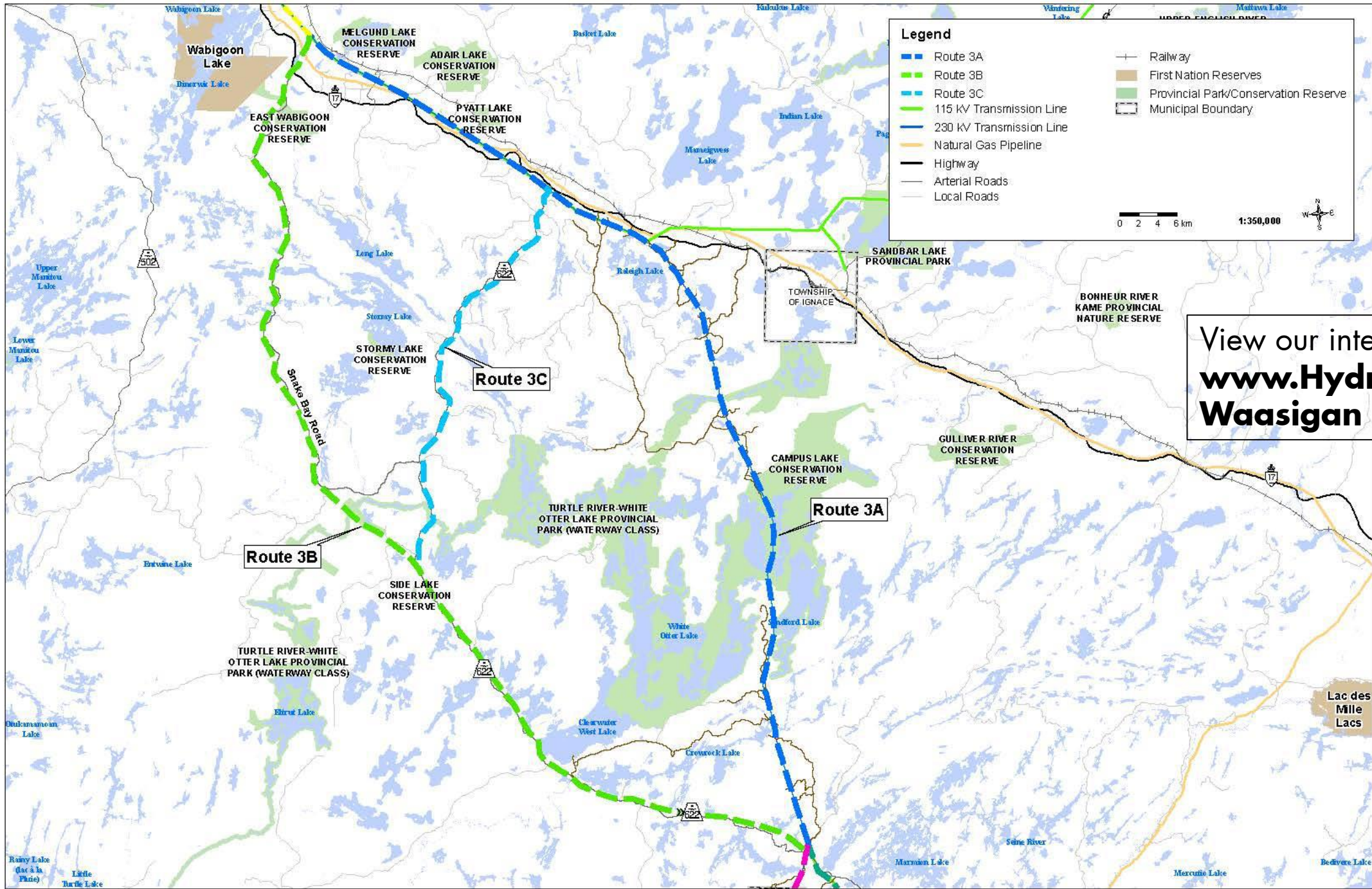
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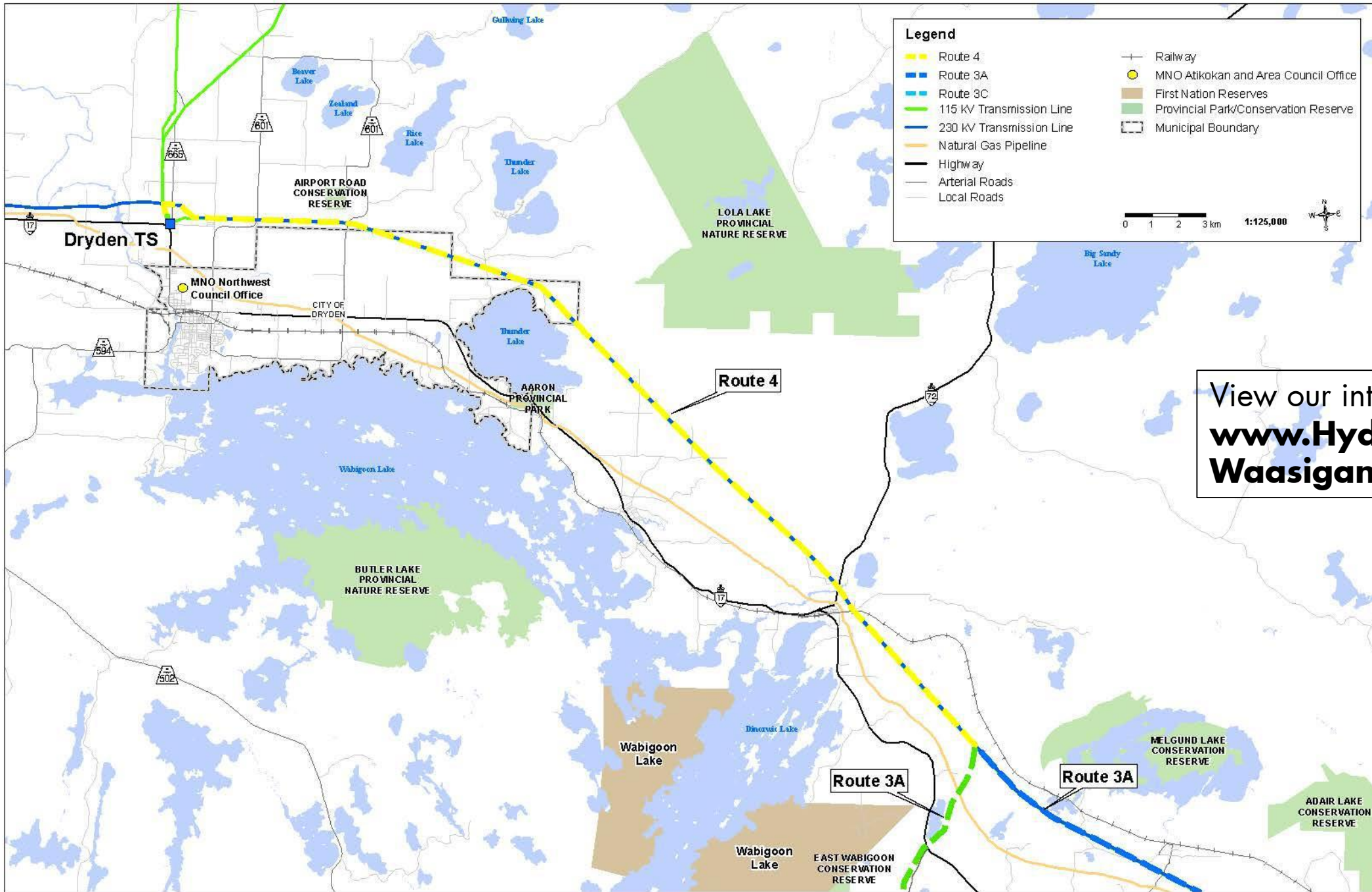
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# WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

- Development work for the Waasigan Transmission Line is founded on respectful, collaborative and meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities.
- Hydro One has initiated a training and skills development program aimed at developing skills and capacity in local Indigenous communities.
- We are looking at broader local training and labour opportunities for the project that will continue to support skills development and capacity building.
- Where possible, procurement opportunities will be made available to Indigenous communities in support of the ongoing development work and potential future work.

# PROJECT BENEFITS

- Hydro One is committed to supporting local economic growth by tapping into local resources, including employees and locally sourced equipment.
- We are looking at broader local training and labour opportunities for the project. It is a priority for Hydro One to support the local labour market by building capacity in the region, not just creating a job.
- Hydro One will continue working with communities to discuss potential benefits you would like to see in the short and long term.

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

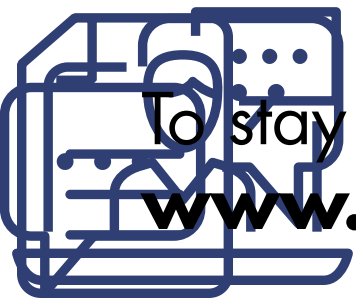
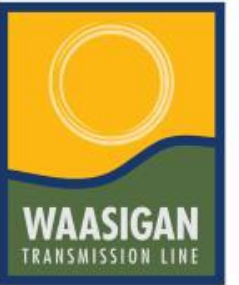
Your feedback is important to us and we want to hear from you. You can provide us with your feedback by:

Asking a question tonight during our virtual information session

Submitting your comments to [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com) or 1-877-345-6799

Attending future engagement opportunities

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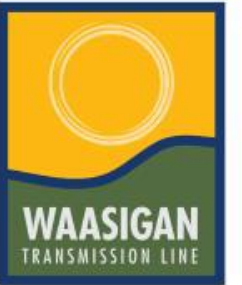
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# POLLING QUESTION

What is your preferred method to receive project updates or information?



1. Direct mail
2. Email
3. Virtual information sessions/tele-town halls
4. In-person meetings, when it is safe to do so
5. All of the provided options
6. Other

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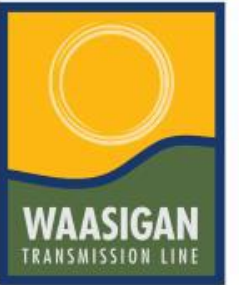
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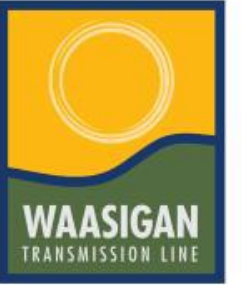
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# POLLING QUESTION

After this evening's virtual information session, what is your level of support for Hydro One's Waasigan Transmission Line project?



1. Very supportive
2. Supportive
3. Neutral/unsure
4. Not very supportive
5. Not supportive at all

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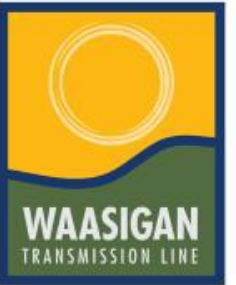
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## **Appendix C**

# Virtual Information Session – Summary



# Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line Public & Stakeholder Virtual Information Session

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Total Attendees					
Attendees	Peak Attendees	Entered Queue	Screened	Went Live	Voicemails
1972 Listeners 16 Hosts 5 Screener(s)	360	44	35	12	0

Minutes and Totals	
Virtual Information Session Length	Average Minutes
64 Minutes	16 Minutes

# Virtual Information Session – Summary

**Question 1:** Why are you joining us this evening?

Answer	Responses	Percentage
To learn more about the Waasigan Transmission Line Project	49	47.6%
Interested in preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line	10	9.7%
To learn how to participate in the project	7	6.8%
Interest in project line	2	1.9%
To ask a question to the project team	1	1.0%
All of the above	26	25.2%
Other reasons	8	7.8%

**Question 2:** What is your preferred method to receive project updates or information?

Answer	Responses	Percentage
Direct Mail	21	24.7%
Email	27	31.8%
Virtual Information Sessions/Tele-TownHalls	8	9.4%
In-Person Meetings, when it's safe to do so	4	4.7%
All of the above	25	29.5%
Other	0	0%

# Virtual Information Session – Summary

**Question 3:** After this evening’s Virtual Information Session, what is your level of support for Hydro One’s Waasigan Transmission Line Project?

Answer	Responses	Percentage
Very Supportive	21	28.8%
Supportive	15	20.5%
Neutral or Unsure	31	42.5%
Not Very Supportive	2	2.7%
Not Supportive at All	4	5.5%