

# NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

## WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

June 29, 2020

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is seeking your feedback on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waasigan Transmission Line, a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden.

Hydro One has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Waasigan Transmission Line. The first step in the EA process is the development of the ToR. The ToR sets out the framework for addressing the *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements, including an outline of the studies and consultation activities that will be carried out.

Through the EA process, Hydro One will determine a preferred route for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. There is anticipated electricity growth in the northwest and we are undertaking development work for the Waasigan Transmission Line now to ensure power is available when it is needed.

### HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

A draft ToR is being made available for a **45-day review and comment period from June 29, 2020 to August 14, 2020**. Hydro One has undertaken a number of engagement activities since early 2019 and has considered the input received in the preparation of the document. The reverse map shows the project area, including preliminary alternative routes for the new line that will be evaluated during the EA.

Following the review period, the document will be revised to incorporate and address comments received and a proposed ToR will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision. If approved, the ToR will serve as the framework for the preparation of the EA. Consultation during the ToR process is ongoing and will continue throughout the EA.

Comments on the draft ToR must be submitted by **August 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. EST** to Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner, Hydro One at 1-877-345-6799 or [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com).

### UPCOMING VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

Hydro One is planning to hold a virtual information session during the draft ToR review period to share information and collect your feedback. An invitation will be advertised in local media, emailed to the project contact list and delivered to residences in the study area in the coming weeks. To join the contact list and receive project updates electronically, please contact Hydro One Community Relations at [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com) or 1-877-345-6799.



To access the draft ToR, visit [www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan](http://www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan). USB flash drives loaded with the draft ToR are available at:

**Atikokan Public Library**  
214 Burns Street, Atikokan  
807-597-4406

**Dryden Public Library**  
36 Van Horne Avenue, Dryden  
807-223-1475

**Oliver Paipoonge Public Library – Murillo Branch**  
4569 Oliver Road, Murillo  
807-935-2729

**Oliver Paipoonge Public Library – Rosslyn Branch**  
3405 Rosslyn Road, Rosslyn  
807-939-2312

**Ignace Public Library**  
36 Main Street, Ignace  
807-934-2280

**Shuniah Municipal Office**  
420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay  
807-683-4545

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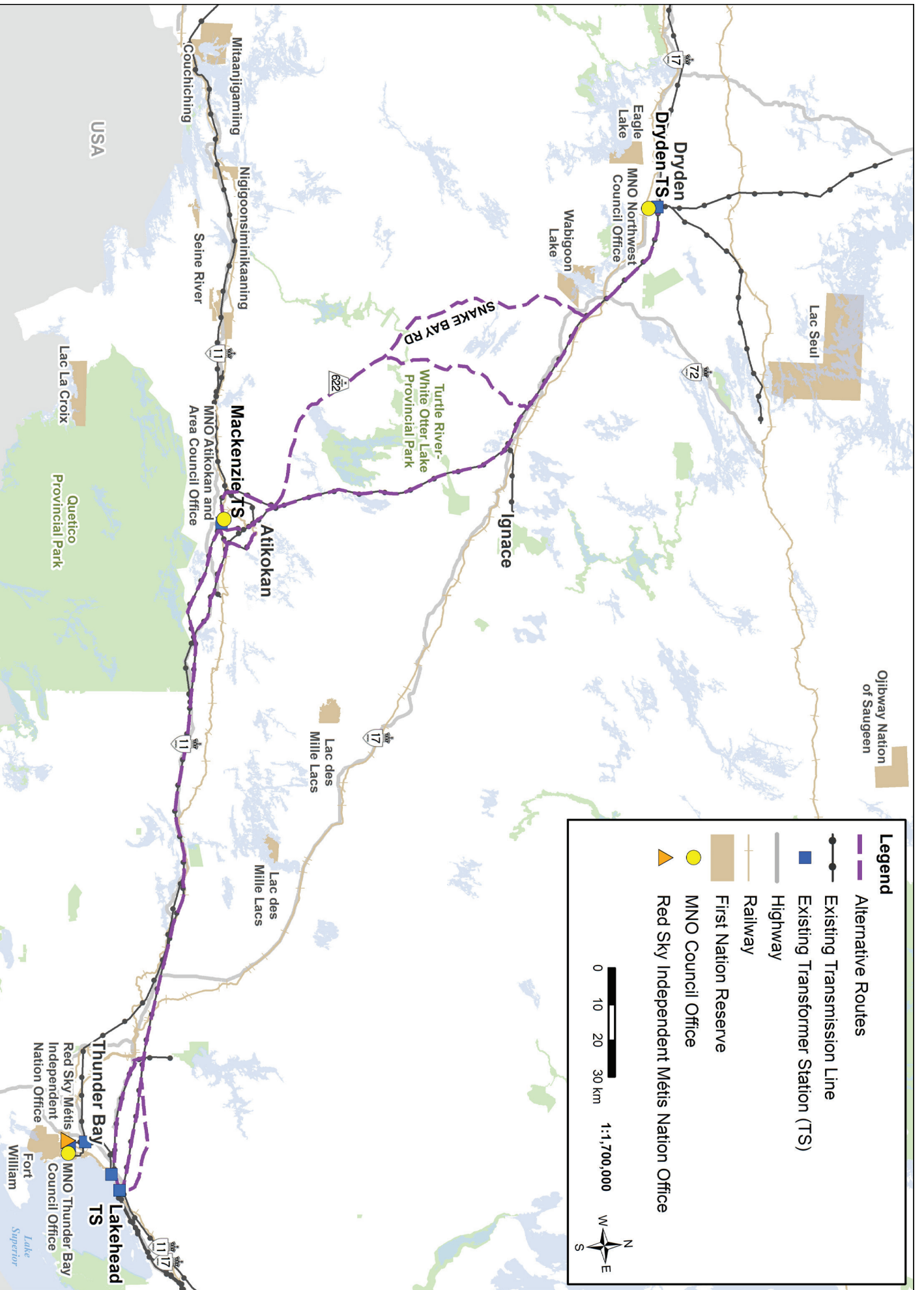
Should the following locations re-open during the review period, USB flash drives will also be available at:

**Thunder Bay Public Library – Waverley Branch**  
285 Red River Road, Thunder Bay  
807-345-8275

**Thunder Bay Public Library – Mary J.L. Black Branch**  
901 S. Edward Street, Thunder Bay  
807-345-8275

For more information about the project, please visit [www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan](http://www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan).

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