



# WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE

TERMS OF REFERENCE • RECORD OF CONSULTATION

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## List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

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BEAHR	Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources
CEDC	Community Economic Development Commission
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer
CC	Consultation Committee
CIC	Community Information Centre
CNR	Canadian National Railway
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway
CUSW	Canadian Union of Skilled Workers
EA	Environmental Assessment
EA Act	<i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ENDM	Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
EPRI-GTC	Electric Power Research Institute-Georgia Transmission Corporation
GLP	Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership
Hydro One	Hydro One Networks Inc.
IESO	Independent Electricity System Operator
ISA	Information Sharing Agreement
ITLP	Indigenous Transmission Limited Partnership
NWMO	Nuclear Waste Management Organization (Canada)
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MNRF	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
MNO	Métis Nation of Ontario
MHSTCI	Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
MTO	Ministry of Transportation
ROW	Right-of-way
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NOMA	Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
NWOPA	Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association
OMA	Ontario Mining Association
RSSA	Route Selection Study Area
SAR	Species at risk
ToR	Terms of Reference
TPU	Territorial Planning Unit
VIS	Virtual Information Session



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## 1.0 Introduction

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This Record of Consultation provides a description of the consultation and engagement activities that have been conducted up to and including September 11, 2020 and the results of those activities, as required by Section 6(3) of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act), during the preparation of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waasigan Transmission Line (the Project). Consultation and engagement activities will continue following publication of the ToR and the input received from these activities will be documented in the future Environmental Assessment (EA) that will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review and decision.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), the proponent, is fully committed to working and consulting with Indigenous communities, government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations, in a manner that is open and honest, clear, accessible (e.g., providing information in an easy to understand format) and mutually respectful throughout the Project.

Consultation is an important and required part of an EA. The purpose of consultation, as noted in the MECP's Code of Practice: Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process (MECP, 2014b), is to:

- Provide information to the public;
- Identify persons and Indigenous communities who may be affected by, or have an interest in, the undertaking;
- Ensure that government agencies and ministries are notified and consulted early in the EA process;
- Identify concerns that might arise from the undertaking;
- Create an opportunity to develop proponent commitments in response to local input;
- Focus on and address real public concerns rather than regulatory procedures and administration;
- Provide appropriate information to the ministry to enable a fair and balanced decision; and,
- Expedite decision-making.

Further, the MECP Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario (2009) states that the ToR will:

- Identify persons consulted during the ToR preparation and how they were identified;
- Describe the consultation activities which took place;



- Describe how interested Indigenous communities and organizations were identified and how they were consulted;
- Clearly and accurately summarize the comments made by interested persons during the ToR;
- Describe the proponent's response and how concerns were considered in the development of the ToR;
- Describe outstanding concerns;
- Include minutes of meetings held with interested persons; and,
- Include copies of written comments received from interested persons.

Hydro One is conducting two separate consultation and engagement programs as part of the ToR development; one for Indigenous communities and organizations, and another for municipal officials, members of the public and stakeholders. Indigenous communities and organizations continue to be provided with the information prepared and released for the public program. Indigenous community members were invited to, and in some cases did, participate in public consultation activities, such as Community Information Centres (CICs) and Corridor Workshops.

A detailed Record of Consultation for the Project has been and will continue to be maintained, which records all Project-related communications and tracks issues and outstanding concerns. Consultation tracking software is being used to ensure all Project communications and contacts are properly recorded and stored for reference in a database. The consultation database includes the following information relating to each engagement and consultation event or activity:

- Date on which the communication, event or activity occurred;
- Method of communication (e.g., letter, e-mail, phone call, face-to-face);
- Identification of initiator and recipient of communication or, in the case of a meeting, organizer and participants that attended the meeting;
- Copy of (or link to) communication in the case of written communication, as well as copy of (or link to) any other relevant documentation provided or generated as part of the communication, including all regulatory information provided, notices, draft versions of all materials prepared for the EA;
- Summary of communication or in the case of a meeting, meeting notes; and,
- Identification of issues raised or discussed and any follow-up action or undertaking.

This document provides a summary of the consultation and engagement that occurred during preparation of the ToR, up to and including September 11, 2020. **Section 1.0** of this document provides an overview of the Project. **Section 2.0** provides a description of the consultation activities undertaken during preparation of the ToR with stakeholders including, the public, municipalities and agencies. **Section 3.0** describes activities undertaken to engage Indigenous

communities during preparation of the ToR. **Section 4.0** provides information on the draft ToR release and comments received during the draft ToR review period.

Details on the consultation and engagement programs proposed for the EA stage are documented in Section 10.0 of the ToR.

## 1.1 Overview of the Project

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Hydro One is completing an EA for the Project, a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) 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 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The length of the new transmission line will be approximately 350 kilometres (km) and will be dependent on the selected preferred route. The location of the Project is shown on **Figure 1.1**.

The first step of the EA process is the preparation of a ToR for review and approval by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister). Once approved, the ToR will establish the framework for the planning, including an outline of studies and consultation activities that will be carried out, and decision-making process to be followed during the EA.



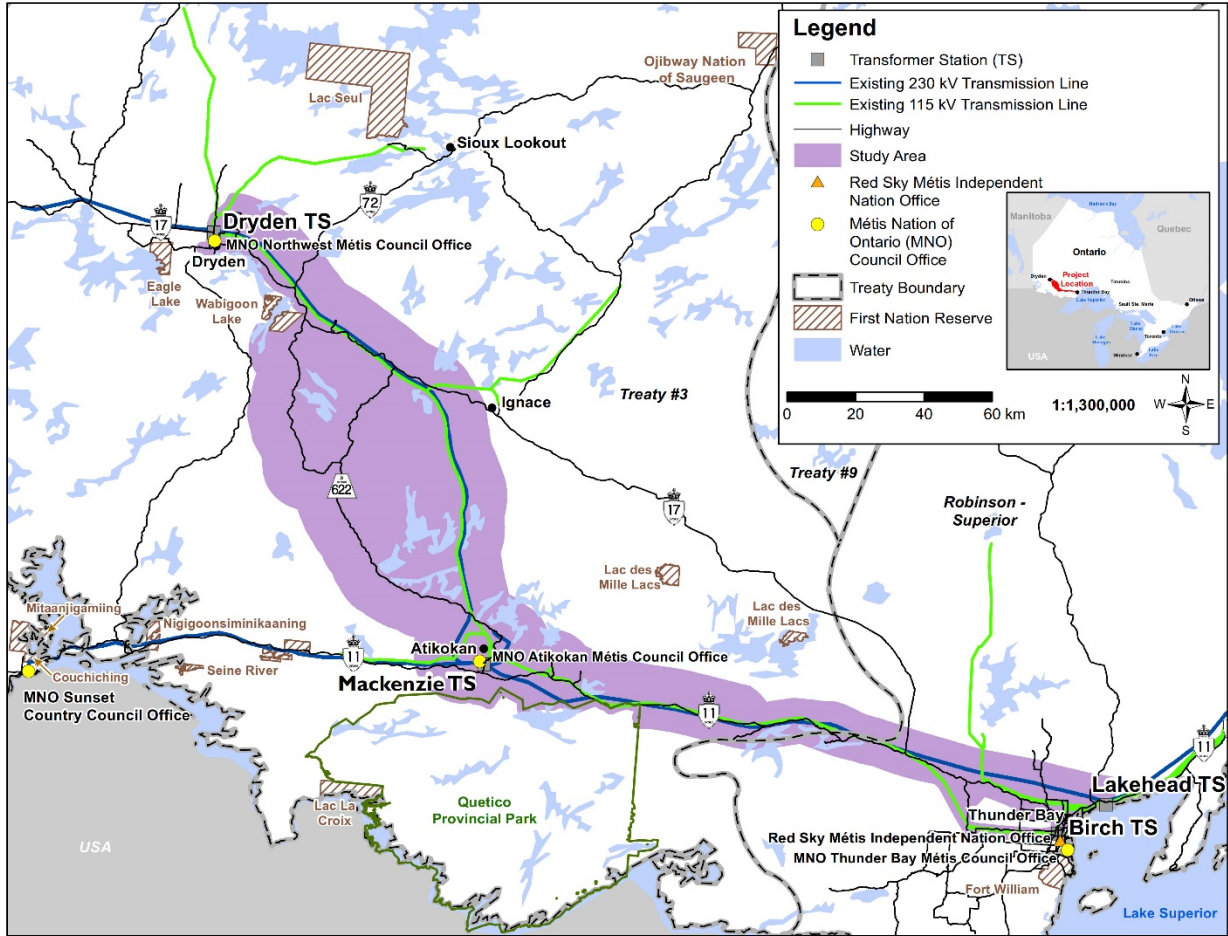


Figure 1.1: Project Location

## 2.0 Stakeholder Consultation

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This section describes the consultation activities undertaken with Project stakeholders, including municipal officials, the public, provincial and federal government agencies, and other interested stakeholders, during the development of the ToR, as well as the input that was received.

**Sections 2.1 to 2.2.** describe the activities that were undertaken. **Section 2.3** summarizes the inputs received with the exception of comments provided on the draft ToR, which are summarized in **Section 4.0**.

### 2.1 Stakeholder Identification

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At the outset of the Project, Hydro One identified a preliminary list of stakeholders who might be affected by, or interested in, the Project. This preliminary list was based on the extent of the Study Area; **Figure 1.1**. Stakeholders include:

- Any member of the public with an interest in the Project;
- Residents, or landowners located within the Study Area;
- Local municipalities, towns or townships located within the Study Area;
- Any elected representative or government agency with an interest in the Project; and
- Any other stakeholders (e.g., local businesses, resource-based companies including mining and forestry operations, mining claim holders, non-government organizations, etc.) with a potential interest in the Project.

The list of stakeholders is expected to continue to be developed throughout the EA process. Stakeholders will remain on the stakeholder distribution list unless they ask to be removed. The stakeholder distribution lists will be updated throughout the EA as new stakeholders are identified, ask to be included on the list or ask to be removed.

The stakeholder Contact Lists for municipalities, government agencies, and interest groups and other key stakeholders are provided in **Appendix A**. These include any individual that Hydro One contacted or who contacted Hydro One throughout the ToR process.

#### 2.1.1 Municipalities

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The Study Area crosses eight incorporated communities. From west to east, these communities are:

- City of Dryden;
- Township of Ignace;
- Town of Atikokan;



- Township of O'Connor;
- Township of Conmee;
- Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge;
- City of Thunder Bay; and
- Municipality of Shuniah.

The Study Area also crosses the District of Kenora and District of Rainy River; both districts are represented by local municipal associations, which are included on the stakeholder Contact List.

Elected officials and key staff in each of these communities, including, but not limited to, Mayors, Clerks, Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs), and Economic Development Officers, were included on the municipal stakeholder distribution list. First responders, such as emergency medical services, local fire departments and police with jurisdiction in potentially affected communities, were also included on the project distribution list as recommended by the MECP.

### **2.1.2 Provincial and Federal Government Agencies**

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Relevant agencies were identified through the Government Review Team list provided by the MECP. Additional contacts were added to the list through attendance at agency meetings, requests to be added, and by attending and signing in at CICs. New government agency contacts will be added to the distribution list as the Project progresses through the EA process.

### **2.1.3 Members of the Public**

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Members of the public consists of those who may reside in or near the Study Area, those who have potential to be affected by the Project, and those with an interest in the Project. Members of the public may ask to be added to the distribution list through the Project website, Hydro One's Community Relations phone line and e-mail, or by attending and signing in at CICs. New contacts will be added as the Project progresses through the EA process.

### **2.1.4 Other Key Stakeholders**

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Efforts have been made to identify stakeholders through web searches, stakeholder mapping exercises, review of Ontario Energy Board planning documentation regarding the Project, and by asking local municipal staff about active groups and individuals that should be included on the distribution list. Publication of notices in commonly read newspapers and social media advertisements throughout the Study Area also provided opportunity for stakeholders to identify themselves.

Key stakeholders identified to date include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Common Voice Northwest;
- Local Chambers of Commerce, including the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce;
- Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition;
- Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC);
- Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA);
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA);
- Lakehead University;
- Confederation College;
- Labour unions, including LiUNA and Canadian Union of Skilled Workers (CUSW);
- Non-government organizations representing a variety of interests, such as nature appreciation/education, hunting, fishing, trail users, recreational users (e.g., naturalist clubs, snowmobile clubs, gun clubs, etc.), camping and tourism organizations;
- Contacts managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), including rights, permits, and/or licence holders for Crown land dispositions, trap lines, bait fish blocks, and bear management areas;
- Railway authorities, including Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) and Canada National Railway (CNR);
- Mining and forestry rights holders and companies, and industry representatives;
- Vendors that may have services to offer during the EA and, if approved, construction and maintenance; and
- Those who have expressed an interest in being kept informed about the Project.

## 2.2 Stakeholder Consultation Activities

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This section describes consultation activities that have taken place during the development of the ToR with Project stakeholders, including the public, municipalities, agencies and other interested persons.

### 2.2.1 Project Notifications

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The Project Notice of Commencement of ToR was combined with a notice of CICs for the first round of public engagement. The purpose of this notice was to inform interested stakeholders that the ToR preparation for the EA had started and that CICs were scheduled in communities within the Project Study Area to provide additional Project information and receive feedback. A copy of the notice is provided in **Appendix B**.



On April 24, 2019, notifications were sent to the stakeholder distribution list via Canada Post or, where possible, through e-mail as an electronic attachment. For members of the public and those individuals within the Study Area, the Notice was published in four local newspapers:

- Dryden Observer/Red Lake Northern Sun<sup>1</sup> - April 24, 2019 (English and French);
- Atikokan Progress - April 29, 2019;
- Thunder Bay Source - April 25, 2019; and,
- Thunder Bay Chronicle - April 27, 2019.

French language notifications were developed and made available on the Project website.

On June 29, 2020, notifications for the draft ToR release were sent to the Project distribution list via Canada Post or, where possible, through e-mail as an electronic attachment. The purpose of the notices were to inform interested stakeholders that the draft ToR was being released for public review, where the document could be accessed. For members of the public and those individuals within the Study Area, a notice was published in four local newspapers:

- Atikokan Progress – June 29, 2020;
- Thunder Bay Source – July 2, 2020;
- Thunder Bay Chronicle – July 4, 2020; and,
- Fort Francis Times – June 30, 2020.

On July 15 and 16, 2020, notifications for the VIS were sent to the Project distribution list through email as an electronic attachment. The VIS notice informed stakeholders how to participate in the virtual event to learn more about the Project and the draft ToR, as well as ask live questions to members of the Project team. The VIS was held to protect the health and safety of Hydro One employees and community members in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. For members of the public and those individuals within the Study Area, the notice was published in five local newspapers:

- Wawatay News – July 17, 2020;
- Atikokan Progress – July 13, 2020;
- Thunder Bay Source – July 16, 2020;
- Thunder Bay Chronicle – July 18, 2020; and,
- Fort Francis Times – July 15, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> The Dryden Observer/Red Lake Northern Sun ceased publication in May 2019.



### 2.2.2 Information Sheets

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Project information sheets were produced to provide a high-level overview of the ToR and EA processes. These were available in print form at the first round of CICs and were also made available to download on the Project website. Copies of the information sheets are included in **Appendix C**.

### 2.2.3 Project Website

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Hydro One has a dedicated Project website: [www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan](http://www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan). The website provides up-to-date Project information, Project updates and mapping, and contains information on how interested parties can contact the Project team to ask questions or submit comments. The Notice of Commencement of ToR, information sheets, CIC display panels, VIS presentation, Project maps, and contact information are available on the Project website. During the draft ToR review period, a survey/comment form was added to the Project website to solicit feedback on the draft ToR.

### 2.2.4 Community Relations Phone Line

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The Hydro One Community Relations phone line, 1-877-345-6799, was advertised in all Project notices and on the Project website, and was available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to accept voicemail messages. The phone line was monitored during regular business hours throughout the duration of the ToR process. Project-related comments and inquires made via the phone line were documented and followed-up on by a Hydro One Project team member.

### 2.2.5 Project E-mail

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The Hydro One Community Relations e-mail address, [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com), was advertised in all Project notices and on the Project website, and was monitored throughout the duration of the ToR process. Messages and comments received through this e-mail address were reviewed regularly and forwarded to relevant Project team members for consideration. Project-related comments and inquires made via e-mail were documented and followed up on.

### 2.2.6 Social Media

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Throughout the development of the ToR, Hydro One utilized social media outlets to increase awareness of the Project and Project activities. Specifically, Facebook advertisements were used during key milestones throughout the preparation of the ToR. Advertisements ran from May 7 to 15, 2019 for the May 2019 CICs to stakeholders in the Project Study Area. Additional advertisements ran from July 6 to 10, 2020 and from July 20 to 29, 2020 for the draft ToR

release and the VIS, respectively. All Facebook advertisements were monitored by Hydro One staff and comments were responded to, as necessary. All advertisements included a link to the Project website.

## 2.2.7 Radio Advertisements

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Radio advertisements were utilized to help draw attention to key Project milestones including the release of the draft ToR and the VIS. Advertisements were aired on CKDR FM Dryden and CJUK FM Thunder Bay from July 3 to 7, 2020 and July 20 to 30, 2020, respectively, for the abovementioned events.

## 2.2.8 Community Information Centres and Workshops

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### 2.2.8.1 Community Information Centres

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In-person CICs were held in May 2019, at the outset of the ToR process. Indigenous communities, government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations were invited to attend. Copies of handout materials and the display panels used at the first round of CICs are included in **Appendix D** and **Appendix C**, respectively. Representatives from the Project team were in attendance at the CICs to answer questions and discuss Project details.

CICs were held at five locations over a period of three days in communities within the Study Area, as shown in **Table 2-1**.

**Table 2-1: Round 1 - Community Information Centres**

Date	Locations	Number of Attendees
May 13, 2019	Thunder Bay, Ontario Valhalla Inn 1 Valhalla Inn Road 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. EDT	61
May 14, 2019	Kakabeka Falls, Ontario Royal Canadian Legion Branch 225 4556 Trans-Canada Hwy. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. EDT	29
May 14, 2019	Ignace, Ontario Royal Canadian Legion Branch 168 106 Front Street 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. CDT	22
May 15, 2019	Atikokan, Ontario Royal Canadian Legion Branch 145 115 O'Brien Street 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. EST	20
May 15, 2019	Dryden, Ontario Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63 34 Queen Street 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. CDT	21
<b>Total Attendees</b>		153

EDT=Eastern Daylight Time    CDT=Central Daylight Time    EST=Eastern Standard Time

The CICs were drop-in sessions with display panels and table maps introducing the Project and Study Area. The display panels covered the following:

- Welcome;
- Purpose of the CIC;
- Project overview;
- How the electricity system works;
- History of the Project;
- Hydro One and northwestern Ontario;
- Overview of the EA process;
- Development work timelines;
- Corridor and route selection;
- Working with Indigenous communities; and
- Thank you.

During the first round of CICs, the majority of attendees were generally neutral or supportive of the Project. Many attendees expressed interest in learning more about the Project as their primary



reason for attending the event. The following discussion topics were noted during conversations with attendees at the first round of CICs:

- Interest about where the power for the new transmission line would come from;
- The need for additional capacity due to recent closures of saw mills and reduced electricity consumption in the area;
- Inquiries about whether the new transmission line would eliminate the need for existing generating station in Atikokan;
- Desire for the new transmission line to be constructed within an existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), instead of creating a new corridor;
- Interest in whether existing transmission lines could be upgraded to handle additional capacity instead of constructing a new transmission line; and
- Several landowners were eager to know where the new transmission line would be located, if their properties would be affected, and whether there would be compensation for effects to properties.

Comment forms were available for all attendees, and a summary of these comment forms is provided in **Section 2.3**. Hydro One uploaded a copy of the CIC display panels to the Project website ([www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan](http://www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan)) following the CICs.

Hydro One planned to hold a second round of in-person CICs in late March 2020; however, they were deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To continue the conversation and collect feedback, Hydro One released a Project update in May 2020 by way of mailed postcard to residents within the Study area and e-mailed notice to the Project distribution list. It provided a Project update and notified readers that updated information had been added to the website, specifically a narrated Project update presentation and updated Project materials (see **Section 2.2.6.1**). A VIS was also held in July 2020 during the draft ToR review period (See **Section 2.2.6.2**).

### 2.2.8.2 Corridor Workshop Sessions

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From June 24 to 26, 2019, Hydro One hosted three workshop sessions to gather input from government agencies, municipalities, organizations and Indigenous community representatives, to help develop and calibrate the siting model focusing on Technical, Socio-Economic and Natural Environment perspectives. The siting model was used to guide the identification of alternative routes for the Project.

An invitation package was prepared and distributed in May 2019 that provided a description of the Project, an outline of the workshop and its purpose, and a draft list of siting model criteria that would be considered during the workshop sessions. Representatives from a variety of organizations, agencies, municipalities, and Indigenous communities were invited to the June 2019 sessions. The list of those invited and who attended is available in Appendix B of the ToR. The participants were very engaged throughout the workshops and provided meaningful input into the siting model. These sessions also resulted in the identification of existing datasets that agencies (i.e., Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines [ENDM] and MNRF) have since made available to Hydro One for use in the routing process. Copies of information presented at the corridor workshops is included in **Appendix G**.

In addition to the input received at the June 2019 workshops, Indigenous communities were offered the opportunity to have Hydro One conduct community-specific workshops, as documented in Section 6.0 of ToR and detailed further in **Section 3.2.4** below. Input from these supplemental sessions was integrated with the June 2019 workshop inputs. The input gathered at the Corridor Workshop sessions was used to guide the development of route alternatives for the Project.

### 2.2.8.3 Project Update – May 2020

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During the week of May 19, 2020, a Project update postcard was released to Indigenous communities, municipal officials, and members of the public within the Project Study Area. The postcard provided an overview of Hydro One's progress on the Project and recipients were encouraged to visit the Project website to view the narrated presentation and learn more (updated May 2020). The Project update materials were provided in presentation form with information panels and a voice-over narrative, and included updated maps and information sheets. A copy of the information posted on the Project website is available in **Appendix E** and **Appendix C**, respectively.

### 2.2.8.4 Virtual Information Session

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On July 30, 2020, Hydro One hosted a VIS, including a livestream presentation and telephone conference, to provide a Project overview, update on the ToR process, and to receive comments and answer questions. Indigenous communities, government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations were invited to attend. The VIS ran from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. EDT/6:30 to 7:30 p.m. CDT and was attended by approximately 2,000 participants for all or a portion of the event. A VIS summary report with details of the event is included in **Appendix F**.

The livestream presentation for the event covered the following topics:

- Welcome;
- Rational for the VIS due to COVID-19 precautions;
- Purpose of the VIS;
- Project overview and update;
- Information on the draft Terms of Reference;
- Overview of the preliminary alternative routes;
- Working with Indigenous communities;
- How to provide feedback; and
- Key milestones and next steps.

Following the presentation, a question and answer period commenced where pre-submitted questions were answered and participants had an opportunity to ask live questions. A panel of staff from Hydro One and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) were available to answer questions. Overall, the majority of attendees were generally neutral or supportive of the Project. The following key topics represent themes identified in the questions asked by participants throughout the VIS:

- Interest about where the power for the new transmission line would come from;
- Opportunities for local job creation and Indigenous community employment;
- Project timing for implementation and construction;
- How Indigenous communities will be consulted and involved during the EA phase of the Project;
- Where the draft ToR documents can be accessed;
- Economic benefits provided by the transmission line;
- Desire for the new transmission line to be constructed within an existing transmission line ROW, instead of creating a new corridor; and
- Several landowners were eager to know where the new transmission line would be located, if their properties would be affected, and whether there would be compensation for effects to their properties.

Following the event, Hydro One uploaded a recording of the VIS to the Project website.

### **2.2.9 Municipal, Provincial and Federal Government Agency Consultation**

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Early contact was initiated with key government agencies, including municipalities, and provincial and federal government agencies with jurisdiction within the Study Area. The following sections



provide an overview of consultation that occurred with municipal, provincial and federal government agencies during preparation of the ToR.

**Section 2.3** provides a summary of input received from municipal, provincial and federal government agencies during preparation of the ToR. A detailed breakdown of all consultation activities and points of contact, including copies of consultation records, with municipal, provincial and federal government agencies during preparation of the ToR is available in **Appendices G, H, and I** respectively.

### 2.2.9.1 Municipal Consultation

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Community engagement and consultation is a priority for Hydro One. Throughout the ToR process, Hydro One engaged with elected representatives, municipal staff, and economic development staff and organizations to provide meaningful stakeholder input into the preparation of the ToR. Hydro One will continue to engage with municipalities throughout the EA to ensure local input is received for consideration during the EA, including through the planned upcoming Waasigan Community Roundtable. The purpose of the Community Roundtable is to ensure a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One and municipal officials and staff, industry, businesses, educational institutions, labour unions and Indigenous communities who are located and/or work within the Project Study Area. This initiative will enable community and industry leaders to act in an advisory capacity to Hydro One and ensure local values and interests are considered throughout the various stages of the Project. **Table 2-2** provides a high-level summary of key consultation milestones completed with municipal contacts throughout the development of the ToR. Additional information, including a full detailed record of consultation with each municipality is included in **Appendix H** with selected supporting information in **Appendix H.1**.



**Table 2-2: Summary of Key Municipal Consultation Milestones**

Date	Consultation Method	Purpose
March 2019	In-person presentation	Pre-consultation roadshow to all municipalities in the Project Study Area.
April 23 to 24, 2019	E-mail, community notice, newspaper and radio advertisements, and social media advertisements (for the CICs)	Notice of Commencement of ToR, Project information, and upcoming CICs.
April 24 to 26, 2019	In-person announcement	Project announced at NOMA Annual General Meeting in Thunder Bay – “Hydro One Investing in Northwestern Ontario”.
May 13 to 15, 2019	CICs	First round of CICs were held to introduce the Project and encourage participants to provide feedback to staff and fill out comment forms (see <b>Section 2.2.6</b> for details).
May 31, 2019	E-mail	Invitation to Workshops in June 2019 Corridor Workshops (see <b>Section 2.2.7</b> for details)
June 24 to 26, 2019	Workshop	Corridor Workshop sessions were held in Thunder Bay to gather input on transmission line routing process.
September 2019 to January 2020	Meetings	Various meetings with municipal stakeholders including Council presentations, meetings with economic development boards and staff to discuss project details and provide updates and project information
March 19, 2020	E-mail	Notice of cancellation of CICs (March 30 to April 1) in light of public health situation sent to the Mayors and CAOs of the eight identified municipalities and the President of NOMA.
June 22, 2020	E-mail	E-mail to municipalities announcing that the draft ToR would be released for review on June 29, 2020.
June 29, 2020	E-mail	E-mail to municipalities announcing the release of the draft ToR, encouraging stakeholders to review and submit their feedback.
July 13 and 27, 2020	E-mail	Email to distribution list inviting municipal representatives to participate in the July 30, 2020 VIS.
July 30, 2020	VIS	Hydro One hosted a VIS for the Project.
August 4, 2020	E-mail	E-mail sent to municipalities who had not provided comments on the draft ToR to remind them of the August 14, 2020 deadline.



### 2.2.9.2 Provincial and Federal Agencies Consultation

Consultation with provincial and federal agencies during preparation of the ToR focused on gathering baseline information and background data, and involving regulatory agencies in the ToR process. Frequent calls, generally monthly, have been held with the MECP Environmental Assessment Branch to provide updates on the progress of the ToR and engagement activities. During these meetings, advice was provided to Hydro One regarding the preparation and submission of the ToR. Monthly calls were also held with ENDM, MECP and MNRF staff to keep them informed of the status of Indigenous engagement on the Project. These calls/meetings are planned to continue into the EA phase of the Project.

**Table 2-3** provides a high-level summary of key consultation milestones completed with provincial and federal agencies throughout the development of the ToR. Additional information, including a full detailed record of consultation with each provincial and federal agency is included in **Appendix I** with selected supporting information in **Appendix I.1**.

**Table 2-3: Summary of Key Provincial and Federal Agency Consultation Milestones**

Date	Consultation Method	Purpose
March 18 and 19, 2019	E-mail	Notification of recommencement of Project that was originally introduced in 2016.
March 29, 2019	Teleconference	Teleconference was held with provincial and federal agencies to introduce the Project.
April 23 and 24, 2019	E-mail	Notice of Commencement of ToR, Project information, and upcoming first round of CICs.
May 31, 2019	E-mail	Invitations to Corridor Workshops sent to provincial and federal government agencies (see <b>Section 2.2.9</b> ).
June 24 to 26, 2019	Workshop	Corridor Workshop sessions were held in Thunder Bay to gather input on transmission line routing process.
Monthly/Semi-Monthly from February 2019 to September 2020	Meeting	Monthly teleconference with MECP regarding the Project.
Monthly/Semi-Monthly from February 2019 to September 2020	Meeting	ENDM/MECP/MNRF joint teleconference updating them on the Project and consultation activities.
June 29, 2020	E-mail	E-mail to stakeholders announcing the release of the draft ToR, encouraging stakeholders to review and submit their feedback.



Date	Consultation Method	Purpose
July 13 and 27, 2020	E-mail	Email to distribution list inviting provincial and federal representatives to participate in the July 30, 2020 VIS.
July 30, 2020	VIS	Hydro One hosted a VIS for the Project.
August 4, 2020	E-mail	E-mail sent to agencies who had not provided comments on the draft ToR to remind them of the August 14, 2020 deadline.

### 2.2.10 Other Stakeholders Consultation

Throughout the preparation of the ToR, Hydro One engaged with community members, businesses and other interested stakeholders to inform them of the schedule and key consultation events (e.g., CICs) and to gather input into the preparation of the ToR, including background data and interest levels on the Project. Some stakeholders were also invited to participate in the June 2019 Corridor Workshops (e.g., CPR and CNR). Hydro One will continue to engage with community members, businesses and other interested stakeholders throughout the EA to ensure our Project benefits local communities.

**Table 2-4** provides a high-level summary of key consultation milestones completed with other stakeholders throughout the development of the ToR. Additional information, including a full detailed record of consultation with each stakeholder is included in **Appendix J** with selected supporting information in **Appendix J.1**.

**Table 2-4: Summary of Key Other Stakeholder Consultation Milestones**

Date	Consultation Method	Purpose
April 23 and 24, 2019	E-mail	Notice of Commencement of ToR, Project information, and upcoming first round of CICs.
May 31, 2019	E-mail	Invitation to Corridor Workshop sessions sent to organizations (i.e., Union Gas Inc., CPR, Lakehead Roads Board, Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, TransCanada [now TC Energy], Ontario Power Generation, Nuclear Waste Management Organization).
June 24 to 26, 2019	Workshop	Corridor Workshop sessions were held in Thunder Bay to gather input on transmission line routing process.
November 4, 2019	Conference	Hydro One attended and held an informational booth for the Project at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Conference.



Date	Consultation Method	Purpose
June 29, 2020	E-mail	E-mail to stakeholders announcing the release of the draft ToR, encouraging stakeholders to review and submit their feedback.
July 13, 15 and 27, 2020	E-mail	E-mail inviting stakeholders to participate in the July 30, 2020 VIS.
July 30, 2020	VIS	Hydro One hosted a VIS for the Project.
August 4, 2020	E-mail	E-mail sent to stakeholders who had not provided comments on the draft ToR to remind them of the August 14 deadline.

### 2.3 Stakeholder Input Received Prior to the Draft ToR Release

This section provides an outlined of stakeholder input received up to the release of the draft ToR. Comments received during the draft ToR review period are documented in **Section 4.0**. As previously described, up to the release of the draft ToR in June 2020, consultation with stakeholders during preparation of the ToR has included meetings, e-mails, phone calls, teleconferences, workshops, the holding of one round of CICs, and the release of Project notices and information, including maps, newspaper ads, information sheets and display panels. There was also frequent discussions with government agencies.

**Table 2-5** provides a summary of comments received from municipalities, government agencies, members of the public, and other stakeholders up to the release of the draft ToR in June 2020. Responses or follow-up actions to received comments or questions are provided in italics, if applicable.

**Table 2-5: Summary of Comments Received during the Draft ToR Preparation**

Date	Stakeholder	Communication Method	Comment – Reply/Follow-up
<b>Municipal Comments</b>			
December 16, 2019	Thunder Bay CEDC	E-mail	Thunder Bay CEDC provided a suggestion for the Thunder Bay end of the new transmission line and planning. They highly recommended that the 230 kV connection goes into Birch TS versus Lakehead TS because it would give them more flexibility and capability on their industrial lands on the islands of the waterfront. <i>Thanked for their feedback; to be considered in the evaluation of alternatives in the EA.</i>
<b>Provincial and Federal Agency Comments</b>			



Date	Stakeholder	Communication Method	Comment – Reply/Follow-up
April 23, 2019	CNR	E-mail	CNR advised that transmission lines can cause induction in the railways and cause signal equipment (e.g., crossings, circuits, etc.) to fault. Therefore, ensuring adequate separation between the railway and the transmission line will require review. Setback limits were provided by CNR to Hydro One.
May 27, 2019	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	E-mail	ECCC requested for Project information and copies of presentation panels of public meetings. <i>Hydro One sent information requested in reply e-mail.</i>
June 12, 2019	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)	E-mail	Advised that CNSC does not play a role in Project. Declined invitation to workshops.

#### Other Stakeholder Comments

April 23, 2019	Treasury Metals Inc.	Telephone	Treasury Metals Inc. explained that their Goliath Gold Project is located within the Study Area and provided Hydro One with their project's timeline. <i>Hydro One e-mailed Project information and added Treasury Metals Inc. to the Project distribution list.</i>
May 29, 2019	Environment North	E-mail	Environment North requested Project information and to be added to distribution list. <i>Hydro One provided Project details via e-mail and confirmed addition to distribution list.</i>
January 8, 2020	Lakehead University	Meeting	Hydro One met with representatives of Lakehead University to discuss opportunities for local community training and development
May 26, 2020	LiUNA	Letter	LiUNA provided a letter in support of the project noting the projects importance to create jobs for economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Public Comments

May 7, 2019		Phone call	Member of the public requested to be added to distribution list.
May 13 to 15, 2019		CIC Comment Form	Positive responses indicating the Project Team provided useful and understandable information.
May 13 to 15, 2019		CIC Comment Form	Interested in route selection and looking forward to participating in future sessions.



Date	Stakeholder	Communication Method	Comment – Reply/Follow-up
May 13 to 15, 2019		CIC Comment Form	Recommend Project development remain well back from below crest of hill to mitigate impact due to microclimate, consisting of friable shallow soils, source water protection area for McIntyre and McVicar watersheds, variable wind and precipitation.
May 13 to 15, 2019		CIC Comment Form	Would like to see transmission lines buried underground, similar to the natural gas pipelines.
May 13 to 15, 2019		CIC Comment Form	Existing issues with trespassing on private property to gain access to Hydro One easements. Not supportive of a larger corridor, nor any increase to the size of the clearings.
May 26, 2020		E-mail	A property owner in Gorham emailed Hydro One to request further information on what impact the proposed transmission line would have on their safety and property value.
June 11, 2020		E-mail	Concern raised about proximity of the transmission line to the existing lake in the Lappe Area. The lake is used for water bomber refilling to fight forest fires and the line could have a negative impact on the ability to use the lake.
July 17, 2019		E-mail	A stakeholder noted that they would like higher voltage lines to be equipped with transfer stations to service cottage owners, the stakeholder also expressed that they believe the transmission line should be set back further from Highway 622 if the route isn't already taken.



## 3.0 Indigenous Engagement

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This section describes the engagement and consultation activities undertaken with Indigenous communities, as well as the input that was received. For the purpose of this Project, Hydro One considers Indigenous communities to be inclusive of those communities, nations and organizations identified in the *Constitution Act, 1982*, including First Nations, Inuit and Métis Groups of Canada. **Section 3.1** identifies the Indigenous communities that Hydro One has engaged with during development of the ToR. **Section 3.2** describes the engagement activities that were undertaken. **Section 3.3** summarizes the inputs received with the exception of comments provided on the draft ToR, which are summarized in **Section 4.0**.

### 3.1 Indigenous Engagement Approach

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The following sections identify the Indigenous communities that were engaged with and describes the key engagement activities undertaken with these communities during the preparation of the ToR.

#### 3.1.1 Identification of Indigenous Communities

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The Crown has a Duty to Consult, and where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous peoples whenever a Crown decision or activity could impact established or asserted Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. Procedural aspects of the Crown's Duty to Consult Indigenous peoples can be delegated by the Crown to the proponent (Hydro One). It is the responsibility of the Crown to determine whether the Duty to Consult has been triggered and if so, the appropriate depth of consultation to be undertaken. If the Crown has determined that consultation is required with respect to the Project, then the Crown will:

- Advise Hydro One in a timely manner of the Indigenous communities to be consulted;
- Notify the identified Indigenous communities it has delegated procedural aspects of consultation on the Project to Hydro One; and,
- Undertake any preliminary and ongoing assessment of the depth of consultation required for each identified Indigenous community.

ENDM delegated the procedural aspects of the Crown's Duty to Consult to Hydro One via a letter dated October 25, 2018 (**Appendix K**). ENDM determined Hydro One's proposed Project may have the potential to affect First Nation and Métis communities, nations and organizations who hold or claim Aboriginal or Treaty Rights protected under Section 35 of Canada's *Constitution Act, 1982*.

The Crown listed the following Indigenous communities, also shown on **Figure 1.1** that should be consulted:

- Eagle Lake (Migisi Sahgaigan) First Nation;
- Fort William First Nation;
- Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation;
- Ojibway Nation of Saugeen;
- Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation;
- Lac La Croix First Nation;
- Lac Seul First Nation;
- Seine River First Nation;
- Wabigoon Lake First Nation (herein referred to as Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation);
- Métis Nation of Ontario Atikokan and Area Métis Council;
- Métis Nation of Ontario Northwest Métis Council;
- Métis Nation of Ontario Thunder Bay Métis Council; and,
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.

In addition, ENDM recommended Hydro One include Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) head office on correspondence.

A follow-up letter was received from ENDM, dated April 15, 2020 (**Appendix K**), as an amendment to the original letter identifying two additional Indigenous communities that have, or may have, constitutionally protected Aboriginal or Treaty Rights that may be adversely affected by the Project. The Crown listed the following additional communities that should be consulted:

- Couchiching First Nation; and,
- Mitaanjigamiing First Nation.

Procedural aspects of consultation, roles and responsibilities of the Crown and Hydro One, and communication and coordination mechanisms are formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Crown (represented by ENDM) and Hydro One dated September 8, 2016.

Hydro One is committed to engaging and consulting with these identified Indigenous communities and to developing collaborative working relationships with each of these groups through the EA process, to the Project in-service date and beyond. A copy of the Indigenous communities contact list used for the development of the ToR is included in **Appendix K**. Should additional Indigenous communities come forward and assert their rights with regards to the Project, Hydro

One will engage them and immediately notify ENDM of the assertion in order to allow ENDM to make a determination if an amendment of the delegation is required.

The following additional Indigenous communities have expressed interest in the Project and will also be included in Project engagement:

- MNO Sunset Country Métis Council;
- MNO Kenora Métis Council;
- MNO Greenstone Métis Council; and,
- MNO North Superior Métis Council.

Further to the above, at the time of preparing the ToR, seven First Nation communities have organized an entity called the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP, formerly known as the Indigenous Transmission Limited Partnership [ITLP]). The GLP is a partnership of seven First Nations that was formed to facilitate discussions regarding engagement and participation related to the Project. The GLP is made up of the following First Nation communities:

- Eagle Lake First Nation;
- Fort William First Nation;
- Lac La Croix First Nation;
- Lac Seul First Nation;
- Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation;
- Seine River First Nation; and,
- Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation.

It is anticipated that the GLP and its environmental consultants will coordinate and provide comments from member communities on the ToR. It is also anticipated that the GLP, to a significant extent, will coordinate members' participation in the EA.

### 3.2 Overview of Indigenous Community Engagement

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The following sections describe the engagement activities that have taken place to date during the development of the ToR with Indigenous communities. A detailed breakdown of all consultation activities and points of contact, including copies of consultation records, with Indigenous communities during preparation of the ToR is available in **Appendix L** with supporting documents included in **Appendix L-1**.

The key initiatives and activities that have been undertaken by Hydro One during this period has included:

- Informing communities of the Project, the EA, and how they can be involved with the Project;
- Identifying the methods and means by which Indigenous communities may choose to participate and be consulted;
- Requesting for existing Consultation Protocols and/or seeking to establish the same;
- Working with individual communities to establish Capacity Funding Agreements and the provision of capacity funding to support their participation;
- Inviting communities to Corridor Workshop sessions held in June 2019;
- Offering community-specific Corridor Workshop sessions and CICs;
- Accommodating request for independent Corridor Workshop sessions and other technical workshops;
- Holding calls and/or meetings with communities and/or their consultants to confirm their interests and how they would like to be involved;
- Providing draft ToR documentation and a ToR Guide (i.e., plain language summary); and,
- Providing communities with notices and information shared with the public, such as advanced notice of and invitations to public CICs.

### 3.2.1 Pre-Notice of Commencement Engagement

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In November 2018, Hydro One sent letters to all ENDM-identified Indigenous communities that provided an overview of the IESO's instructions to Hydro One to begin development work on the Project.

### 3.2.2 Project Notifications and Updates

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On April 10, 2019, Hydro One issued a formal Notice of Commencement of ToR to Indigenous communities included in the Crown delegation letter (See **Section 3.1.1**). The Notice also included details of the first round of CICs. While Indigenous communities were invited to attend the CICs, a covering letter accompanying the Notice extended a request to meet with their leadership and offered to host CICs within their communities, if interested. The covering letter noted that additional outreach would be occurring throughout the ToR and EA. The Notice of Commencement of ToR and CICs was sent to all identified Indigenous communities.

Mitaanjigamiing First Nation and Couchiching First Nation expressed interest and requested that Hydro One engage with them on the Project. Formal communications of assertion were received from Mitaanjigamiing First Nation on October 18, 2019 and Couchiching First Nation on December 9, 2019, and. Hydro One notified ENDM of the assertions and requested that ENDM provide a formal response regarding consultation on the Project. ENDM provided their response on April 15, 2020, indicating that these two communities have, or may have, constitutionally



protected Aboriginal or Treaty Rights that may be adversely affected by the Project. Hydro One offered to meet with each community and provide a presentation on the Project.

In addition to the above notifications, Project information and invitations to participate in engagement activities to support the development of the ToR were sent to each Indigenous community included on the Crown delegation letters or those that have asserted interest in the Project, and will continue throughout the ToR review period.

### 3.2.2.1 Capacity Funding Agreements

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Hydro One has offered Indigenous communities a Capacity Funding Agreement to support their engagement on the Project. The Capacity Funding Agreements are meant to address the following aspects with communities:

- Outline an agreed-upon method of consultation and engagement, taking into account community protocols and practices;
- Outline a jointly agreed-upon work plan and budget for each community to be meaningfully consulted on the project, including adequate capacity and resourcing to participate;
- Identify a Community Engagement Coordinator or similar position; and,
- Outline a process for the sharing of information regarding the project and associated studies and regulatory processes.

Hydro One recognizes that each community may wish to amend aspects of the agreement to reflect community consultation protocols that may already be established. Indigenous communities were requested to review the agreements and share revisions with Hydro One.

### 3.2.3 Community Meetings and Events

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Requests to hold meetings with leadership and staff of Indigenous communities were offered throughout the development of the ToR. Throughout development of the ToR, Hydro One has connected or reached out through over 1,500 points of contact with Indigenous communities. These points of contact have included letters, e-mails and phone conversations to determine the interest of individual Indigenous communities regarding the Project and to request in-person meetings with their representatives, Hydro One and their consultants. Meetings held with Indigenous communities during development of the ToR were focused on receiving Indigenous community input on:

- Their general interest and concerns regarding the Project;
- Determining how they would like to be engaged; and,
- The siting model through Corridor Workshop sessions (see **Section 2.2.9**).



Hydro One and the GLP meet on a monthly basis through a variety of committees to review administrative, engagement and procedural matters pertaining to the Project. Planning and coordination of member communities' participation in engagement activities, the ToR and future EA activities have been a large focus of the meetings between the GLP and Hydro One.

Hydro One will hold additional meetings and events with Indigenous communities after the submission of the ToR and into the EA planning process. Additional input received will be incorporated in the future EA phase of the Project.

### 3.2.4 Corridor Workshops Sessions

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As described in Section 6.0 of the ToR, Hydro One used the Electric Power Research Institute-Georgia Transmission Corporation (EPRI-GTC) Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology to guide the identification of alternative transmission line routes. The methodology requires input for the purposes of calibrating the siting model for this Project. External input on the model was received through workshops held in Thunder Bay over three days in June 2019. Government agencies, organizations, and Indigenous communities were invited to these workshops. All Indigenous communities originally identified by ENDM were invited to the workshops and follow-up calls were made. Details regarding the inputs received from these workshops are described in Section 6 of the ToR and in Appendix B of the ToR.

Two First Nation community representatives attended the workshop sessions as observers, namely Eagle Lake First Nation and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation. A representative from Red Sky Métis Independent Nation attended the sessions as an observer. A representative from the MNO Lands, Resources and Consultations Branch attended a partial session as an observer. A representative of Grand Council Treaty #3 attended and participated in the workshop sessions. Attendees noted that they would like Hydro One to continue to communicate its progress and plans and indicated interest in sharing IK for the Project.

In addition to the June 2019 workshops, Hydro One offered to hold supplementary "model calibration" sessions in each interested Indigenous community.

In August 2019, MNO Region 1 and MNO Region 2 each held their own workshops to provide input into the siting model, which were supported by Hydro One. Hydro One Project team representatives did not attend at the request of MNO. In September 2019, MNO Region 1 and MNO Region 2 provided Hydro One with summary reports from their workshops.



Hydro One prepared a report that described how the information received from the MNO was incorporated into the siting model which was sent to the MNO in advance of a teleconference call held on May 28, 2020.

At the request of MNO Region 1 and MNO Region 2, a second set of workshops was held between the two Regions and their consultant in November 2019 to provide input on the effects assessment and evaluation criteria for the Project. A report on these workshops was provided to Hydro One in January 2020. The inputs from this report were considered in the development of the preliminary evaluation criteria included in the ToR.

In December 2019, Hydro One held a Corridor Workshop with representatives from Mitaanjigamiing First Nation Chief and Council, and held a second Corridor Workshop and CIC with the larger Mitaanjigamiing First Nation community in January 2020. See **Appendix G** for materials presented and Appendix B of the ToR for a summary of the workshop inputs received. Input from these meetings/workshop has been incorporated into the siting model.

Attempts to schedule Corridor Workshop sessions with additional communities occurred through much of the ToR preparation period. Eight workshops were scheduled to be held in late March/early April 2020, prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency; however, following the provincial emergency declaration, all Indigenous community events were postponed. Since March 2020, the Project team has been working to advance consultation with Indigenous communities through virtual formats and continues to explore options to continue Project dialogue and gather input from Indigenous communities.

During the draft ToR review period, Hydro One held two additional Corridor Workshops; one with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation on June 4, 2020, and one with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation on June 25, 2020. Both events were held using a virtual workshop platform.

### 3.2.5 Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities

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**Table 3-1** presents a summary of the engagement activities held with each of the Indigenous communities during ToR preparation. Input received from Indigenous communities is described in **Sections 3.3 and 4.0**.

**Table 3-1: Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities during Preparation of the Draft ToR**

Indigenous Community	Summary of Engagement
<p><b>Fort William First Nation (GLP Member)</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Fort William First Nation to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.</p> <p>In spring 2019, Hydro One held early discussions with Fort William First Nation to present the Project and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the Project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, Hydro One invited community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. Additional correspondence was sent in the summer of 2019. On September 11, 2019, Hydro One sent an e-mail providing a general Project update and information, and a request to schedule a Corridor Workshop and CIC with the community. In September and November 2019, Hydro One participated in meetings with members of the GLP, including Fort William First Nation, to provide a Project update, answer questions about the Capacity Funding Agreement and discuss the holding of Corridor Workshops in the communities.</p> <p>Between January and March 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Fort William First Nation regarding the scheduling of a Corridor Workshop and CIC. The workshop, scheduled for mid-March 2020, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequent discussions followed in April 2020 regarding the finalization of the Capacity Funding Agreement. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. On April 15, 2020, Hydro One received a signed Capacity Funding Agreement.</p> <p>On June 8, 2020, Fort William First Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. An offer was also made by Hydro One to discuss the document, EA process or the Project should the community have questions. Hydro One</p>

Indigenous Community	Summary of Engagement
	<p>followed up by e-mail on June 24, 2020, to confirm the draft ToR was delivered to Fort William First Nation. Hydro One notified Fort William First Nation on June 29, 2020 that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website.</p> <p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Fort William First Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 14, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Fort William First Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities.</p>
<p><b>Eagle Lake First Nation (GLP Member)</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Eagle Lake First Nation to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.</p> <p>Hydro One held early discussions with Eagle Lake First Nation in spring 2019 to present the Project and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the Project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, Hydro One invited community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. Further correspondence was sent in summer 2019. On September 11, 2019, Hydro One sent an e-mail providing a general Project update and information, and a request to schedule a Corridor Workshop and CIC with the community. In September and November 2019, Hydro One participated in meetings with members of the GLP, including Eagle Lake First Nation, to provide a Project update, answer questions about the Capacity Funding Agreement and discuss the holding of Corridor Workshops in the communities. In December 2019, Hydro One sent additional correspondence regarding the holding of a workshop in the community.</p> <p>Between January and March 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Eagle Lake First Nation regarding the scheduling of a Corridor Workshop and CIC. The workshop and CIC,</p>

Indigenous Community	Summary of Engagement
	<p>scheduled for mid-March 2020, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. On May 7, 2020, Hydro One received a signed Capacity Funding Agreement from Chief Gardner. Eagle Lake First Nation’s consultant, Shared Value Solutions (SVS), e-mailed Hydro One to inquire about the Project schedule, which Hydro One shared with them. Between May and July 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Eagle Lake First Nation regarding the Capacity Funding Agreement.</p> <p>On June 8, 2020, Eagle Lake First Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. An offer was also made by Hydro One to hold teleconference calls should the community have questions regarding the ToR. Hydro One followed up by e-mail on June 24, 2020 to confirm the draft ToR was delivered to Eagle Lake First Nation. Hydro One forwarded the e-mail sent to Chief Gardner with the draft ToR to Eagle Lake First Nation Lands and Resources on June 25, 2020. Hydro One notified Eagle Lake First Nation on June 29, 2020 that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website.</p> <p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Eagle Lake First Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Eagle Lake First Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities. On August 21, 2020, Hydro One received a signed Capacity Funding Agreement.</p>
<p><b>Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation (GLP Member)</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-</p>

Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.

Hydro One held early discussions with Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation in spring 2019 to present the Project and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the Project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, Hydro One invited community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. A CIC was held in the community on July 8, 2019. On September 11, 2019, Hydro One sent an e-mail providing a general Project update and information, and a request to schedule a Corridor Workshop and CIC with the community. In September and November 2019, Hydro One participated in meetings with members of the GLP, including Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, to provide a Project update, answer questions about the Capacity Funding Agreement and discuss the holding of Corridor Workshops in the communities. In December 2019, Hydro One sent additional correspondence regarding the holding of a workshop in the community.

Between January and March 2020, Hydro One e-mailed Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation regarding scheduling of a Corridor Workshop and CIC. The workshop, scheduled for April 7, 2020, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. On April 16, 2020, Hydro One received a signed Capacity Funding Agreement. Between May and June 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation regarding the Capacity Funding Agreement and next steps.

On June 8, 2020, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. An offer was also made to hold teleconference calls should the community have questions regarding the ToR. Hydro One followed up on June 24, 2020, to confirm the draft ToR was delivered to Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation. Hydro One notified

Indigenous Community	Summary of Engagement
	<p>Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation on June 29, 2020, that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website.</p> <p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities.</p>
<p><b>Ojibway Nation of Saugeen</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Ojibway Nation of Saugeen to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.</p> <p>Hydro One contacted Ojibway Nation of Saugeen in spring 2019 to present the Project and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the Project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, Hydro One invited community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. Additional correspondence was sent in summer 2019 via email and fax. On September 11, 2019, Hydro One sent an e-mail providing a general Project update and information, and a request to schedule a Corridor Workshop and CIC with the community. In September 2019, Hydro One discussed via phone call scheduling a meeting regarding the Project and the Capacity Funding Agreement.</p> <p>Between January and March 2020, Hydro One e-mailed the Ojibway Nation of Saugeen regarding the scheduling of a Corridor Workshop and CIC, and the potential to meet in person to discuss the Project. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. In late April 2020, Hydro One received a request for information regarding the Project and First Nation partnerships. Hydro One responded, providing the requested information.</p>

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	<p>On May 20, 2020, Hydro One shared a Project update via e-mail. On May 20, 2020, Hydro One shared Project information in a letter sent via e-mail. On June 8, 2020, Ojibway Nation of the Saugeen was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. Hydro One followed up on June 24, 2020 by e-mail to confirm the draft ToR was delivered to Ojibway Nation of the Saugeen. Hydro One notified Ojibway Nation of the Saugeen by e-mail on June 29, 2020 that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website.</p> <p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided to Ojibway Nation of Saugeen the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Ojibway Nation of Saugeen regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Saugeen indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities.</p>
<p><b>Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.</p> <p>Hydro One met with Chief Whitecloud of Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation on April 12, 2019, and shared Project information and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, Hydro One invited community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. A CIC was held in the community on July 15, 2019. In August 2019, Hydro One met with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation’s Band Manager and advisors to share Project information and answer questions related to procurement, environmental assessments, traditional knowledge and opportunities for employment. On September 11, 2019, Hydro One sent an e-mail</p>

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	<p>providing a general Project update and information, and a request to schedule a Corridor Workshop and CIC with the community.</p> <p>In January 2020, Hydro One shared information regarding the Project. Hydro One met with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation on February 6, 2020 to discuss the Project. Between February and March 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation regarding the scheduling of a Corridor Workshop. Hydro One met with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation on March 2, 2020 to discuss the Capacity Funding Agreement and Corridor Workshop. The workshop, scheduled for mid-March 2020, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequent discussions followed regarding the Capacity Funding Agreement, which was revised by Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation and shared with Hydro One in March 2020. Negotiations regarding the Capacity Funding Agreement were settled on March 26, 2020, and finalized on March 28, 2020. On March 30, 2020, Hydro One received a signed Capacity Funding Agreement. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. On April 28, 2020, Hydro One held a teleconference with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation to provide Project updates.</p> <p>Hydro One shared a letter by e-mail with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation on May 20, 2020, providing a Project update. During June 2020, e-mail correspondence between Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation and Hydro One included coordination of a virtual Corridor Workshop.</p> <p>On May 20, 2020, Hydro One shared a Project update via e-mail. On June 8, 2020, Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. A follow-up e-mail was sent on June 24, 2020, to confirm the receipt of the documents. LDML confirmed via e-mail that the draft ToR was received.</p>



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	<p>On June 25, 2020, Hydro One hosted a virtual Corridor Workshop with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation representatives. Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation representatives indicated that they were not prepared to provide feedback at the workshop and would provide it at a later date. Hydro One e-mailed Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation on June 26, 2020, to request availability to discuss next steps from the Corridor Workshop.</p> <p>Hydro One informed Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation on June 29, 2020, that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website. On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation with the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities. On September 1, 2020, Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation e-mailed requesting that Hydro One to consider Sapawe Road as a potential alternative route. A follow-up call was held with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation on September 3, 2020 to provide rationale for not including a route along Sapawe Road as an alternative. An explanation was also provided via e-mail on September 4, 2020.</p>
<p><b>Lac Seul First Nation (GLP Member)</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Lac Seul First Nation to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.</p> <p>Hydro One held early discussions with Lac Seul First Nation in spring 2019 to present the Project and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the Project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, Hydro One invited community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. Additional correspondence was sent in summer 2019. On September 11, 2019, Hydro One sent an e-mail providing a general Project update and information, and a request to schedule a Corridor Workshop and CIC with the community. In</p>

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	<p>November 2019, Hydro One participated in a meeting with members of the GLP, including Lac Seul First Nation, to provide a Project update, answer questions about the Capacity Funding Agreement and discuss the holding of Corridor Workshops in the communities.</p> <p>Between January and March 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Lac Seul First Nation regarding the scheduling of a Corridor Workshop. The workshop, scheduled for late March 2020, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. Subsequent discussions followed in April 2020 regarding the finalization of the Capacity Funding Agreement. Lac Seul First Nation e-mailed Hydro One and shared the signed final Capacity Funding Agreement on April 7, 2020.</p> <p>On June 8, 2020, Lac Seul First Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. An offer was also made to discuss the document, EA process or the project should the community have questions. Hydro One followed up by e-mail on June 24, 2020, to confirm the draft ToR was delivered to Lac Seul First Nation. Hydro One notified Lac Seul First Nation on June 29, 2020, that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website.</p> <p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Lac Seul First Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Lac Seul First Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities.</p>
<p><b>Lac La Croix First Nation (GLP Member)</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Lac La Croix First Nation to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of</p>

Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.

Hydro One held early discussions with Lac La Croix First Nation in spring 2019 to present the Project and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the Project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, Hydro One invited community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. A CIC was held on July 10, 2019. Hydro One met with Chief and Council on August 13, 2019, to discuss the Capacity Funding Agreement. On September 11, 2019, Hydro One sent an e-mail providing a general Project update and information, and a request to schedule a Corridor Workshop with the community. In November 2019, Hydro One participated in a meeting with members of the GLP, including Lac La Croix First Nation, to provide a Project update, answer questions about the Capacity Funding Agreement and discuss the holding of Corridor Workshops in the communities.

Between January and March 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Lac La Croix First Nation regarding the scheduling of a community workshop. Hydro One met with Lac La Croix First Nation on February 21, 2020, to discuss the Project and answer questions the community had. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. Hydro One received the signed Capacity Funding Agreement from Lac La Croix by e-mail on May 14th.

On June 8, 2020, Lac La Croix First Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. An offer was also made to discuss the document, EA process or the Project should the community have questions. Hydro One followed up by e-mail on June 24, 2020, to confirm the draft ToR was delivered to Lac La Croix First Nation. Hydro One notified Lac La Croix First Nation on June 29, 2020, that the Draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website.



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	<p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Lac La Croix First Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Lac La Croix First Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities.</p>
<p><b>Seine River First Nation (GLP Member)</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Seine River First Nation to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.</p> <p>Hydro One held early discussions with Seine River First Nation in spring 2019 to present the Project and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, Hydro One invited community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. On June 3, 2019, Hydro One held a meeting with Seine River First Nation Chief and Council to discuss the Project and draft Capacity Funding Agreement. Hydro One held CICs with Seine River First Nation on July 29 and August 21, 2019, to share Project information with community members. On September 11, 2019, Hydro One sent an e-mail providing a general Project update and information, and a request to schedule a Corridor Workshop with the community. In September and November 2019, Hydro One participated in meetings with members of the GLP, including Seine River First Nation, to provide a Project update, answer questions about the Capacity Funding Agreement and discuss the holding of Corridor Workshops in the communities.</p> <p>In January 2020 Hydro One contacted Seine River First Nation regarding opportunities to schedule a Corridor Workshop. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. On April 17, 2020, Chief Boshkaykin of Seine River First Nation shared the signed Capacity Funding Agreement with Hydro One.</p>

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	<p>On June 8, 2020, Seine River First Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. An offer was also made to discuss the document, EA process or the project should the community have questions. Hydro One followed up by e-mail on June 24, 2020, to confirm the Draft ToR was delivered to Seine River First Nation. Hydro One notified Seine River First Nation on June 29, 2020, that the Draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website.</p> <p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of Virtual CIC planned for July 30, 2020, via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Seine River First Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Seine River First Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities.</p>



<p><b>Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (GLP Member)</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.</p> <p>Hydro One held early discussions with Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation in spring 2019 to present the Project and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, Hydro One invited community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation attended the workshop sessions as observers. Additional correspondence was sent in summer 2019. On September 11, 2019, Hydro One sent an e-mail providing a general Project update and information, and a request to schedule a Corridor Workshop and CIC with the community. In September 2019, Hydro One participated in a meeting with members of the GLP, including Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, to provide a Project update, answer questions about the Capacity Funding Agreement and discuss the holding of Corridor Workshops in the communities.</p> <p>Between February and March 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation regarding the scheduling of a Corridor Workshop. The workshop, scheduled for early April 2020, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A Capacity Funding Agreement was finalized in March 2020. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. On March 6, 2020, Hydro One received a signed Capacity Funding Agreement.</p> <p>On June 8, 2020, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. An offer was also made to discuss the document, EA process or the Project should the community have questions. Hydro One followed up by e-mail on June 24, 2020, to confirm the draft ToR was delivered to Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation. Hydro One notified Wabigoon Lake</p>
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	<p>Ojibway Nation on June 29, 2020, that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website.</p> <p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities.</p>
<p><b>Couchiching First Nation</b></p>	<p>Hydro One met with Couchiching First Nation on October 18, 2019 at the request of Chief Perrault. On December 4, 2019, Hydro One met with Chief Perrault regarding next steps for the Project and agreed to begin planning for a Corridor Workshop in 2020. On December 9, 2019, Hydro One received an e-mail from Couchiching First Nation asserting their interest in the Project.</p> <p>Between January and March 2020, Hydro One corresponded with Couchiching First Nation regarding the Capacity Funding Agreement and scheduling of a Corridor Workshop and CIC. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. In May 2020, Hydro One contacted Couchiching First Nation by e-mail regarding the delegation of consultation and shared an updated copy of the Capacity Funding Agreement.</p> <p>On May 20, 2020, Hydro One shared a Project update via e-mail and requested their availability to discuss the Capacity Funding Agreement. On June 8, 2020, Couchiching First Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. A follow-up e-mail to confirm the delivery of the draft ToR was sent on June 24, 2020. Hydro One thanked Couchiching First Nation by e-mail on June 24, 2020, for confirming the receipt of the draft ToR and requested confirmation of whether Couchiching First Nation had the opportunity to review the Capacity Funding Agreement.</p>

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	<p>Hydro One informed Couchiching First Nation by e-mail on June 29, 2020 that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website. On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached.</p> <p>On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Couchiching First Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Couchiching First Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities.</p>





<p><b>Mitaanjigamiing First Nation</b></p>	<p>Hydro One met with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation Chief and Council on October 17, 2019 and provided a Project overview. Hydro One received a letter of interest and assertion on October 18, 2019. On October 22, 2019, Hydro One met with Chief and Council of Mitaanjigamiing First Nation to discuss the Project.</p> <p>Hydro One began planning a Corridor Workshop with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation in November 2019, which was held on December 10, 2019. Hydro One and Mitaanjigamiing First Nation agreed on holding a second corridor workshop which took place on January 22, 2020 and included members of the larger community.</p> <p>Between January and February 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Mitaanjigamiing First Nation regarding the Capacity Funding Agreement. A Capacity Funding Agreement was signed with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation on February 3, 2020. In late March 2020, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation e-mailed Hydro One to advise they were closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities during COVID-19.</p> <p>On May 20, 2020, Hydro One shared a Project update via e-mail. On June 8, 2020, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. A follow-up e-mail to confirm the delivery of these documents was made on June 24, 2020. Mitaanjigamiing First Nation confirmed receipt of the draft ToR by e-mail on the same day.</p> <p>Hydro One informed Mitaanjigamiing First Nation by e-mail on June 29, 2020 that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website. On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. Hydro One acknowledged Mitaanjigamiing First Nation’s e-mail response to the VIS e-mail on July 14, 2020.</p> <p>On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Mitaanjigamiing First Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19</p>
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	<p>and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols.</p> <p>On July 31, 2020, Trevor Boshey of Mitaanjigamiing First Nation e-mailed Hydro One to request a recording of the presentation from the July 30, 2020 VIS as he would like to show the presentation to the Chief and Council and other community members interested in the Project. Hydro One provided a copy of the audio recording, the presentation and provided the Project website link via e-mail on July 31, 2020.</p> <p>On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Mitaanjigamiing First Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities. On September 4, 2020, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation emailed Hydro One and stated that they would consult with their Chief and Council and consultation committee to see if they have any comments about ToR, and requested copies of Codes of Practice and MOU mentioned in the ToR. Hydro One provided the requested Codes of Practice.</p>



**Red Sky Métis Independent Nation**

In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Red Sky Métis Independent Nation to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019.

Hydro One held early discussions with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation in spring 2019 to present the Project and the draft Capacity Funding Agreement. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the Project and planned June 2019 CICs. In June 2019, an e-mail was sent inviting community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June in Thunder Bay. Hydro One met with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation in July 2019 to discuss the Capacity Funding Agreement. Hydro One received the signed Capacity Funding Agreement on August 8, 2019.

Hydro One contacted Red Sky Métis Independent Nation in September 2019 to provide an update and discuss hosting a CIC and Corridor Workshop in the community. Hydro One met with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation in November 2019, to discuss hosting a workshop in the community. Red Sky Métis Independent Nation stated they would like to defer the workshop until January 2020.

Between January and March 2020, correspondence was exchanged between Hydro One and Red Sky Métis Independent Nation regarding the scheduling of a Corridor Workshop. Red Sky Métis Independent Nation met with Hydro One on March 11, 2020, where they advised they would select March 24, 2020, as the tentative date for the workshop. The workshop was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. Red Sky Métis Independent Nation and Hydro One have agreed to look into alternative delivery methods for the Corridor Workshop. Ongoing communication between Hydro One and Red Sky Métis Independent Nation occurred throughout May 2020. A virtual Corridor Workshop was held on June 4, 2020.

On May 20, 2020, Hydro One shared a Project update via e-mail. On June 8, 2020, Red Sky Métis Independent Nation was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for

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	<p>review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. A follow-up e-mail to confirm the delivery of these documents was made on June 24, 2020. Red Sky Métis Independent Nation confirmed receipt of the draft ToR by e-mail on the same day.</p> <p>Hydro One informed Red Sky Métis Independent Nation by e-mail on June 29, 2020 that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website. On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail with the Notice attached. Hydro One acknowledged Red Sky Métis Independent Nation’s e-mail response to the VIS e-mail on July 14, 2020.</p> <p>On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to Red Sky Métis Independent Nation indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities. On September 4, 2020, Hydro One received an email from Red Sky Métis Independent Nation stating that they did not have any comments on the draft Terms of Reference.</p>
<p><b>Grand Council Treaty #3</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to Grand Council Treaty #3 to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement activities continued from January through to March 2019. A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the Project and planned June 2019 CICs.</p> <p>Hydro One contacted Grand Council Treaty #3 in June 2019, to invite community representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in late June. The Territorial Planning Unit (TPU) Director attended and participated in the June workshops. On June 20, 2019, Hydro One met with Grand Council Treaty #3 communities to present information about the Project.</p>

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	<p>On February 3, 2020, Hydro One met with the TPU Staff and Environmental Chiefs to provide Project information, discuss an MOU, a Capacity Funding Agreement, and next steps regarding meetings and consultation at the TPU/Environmental Chief Meeting to be held in Kenora. Hydro One remained in contact with Grand Council Treaty #3 between April and May 2020 regarding their questions and comments about the Capacity Funding Agreement. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. A Capacity Funding Agreement was signed with Grand Council Treaty #3 on June 2, 2020.</p> <p>On June 8, 2020, Grand Council Treaty #3 was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and multiple copies of the Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. On June 15, 2020, Hydro One advised the Environmental Chiefs that the draft ToR would be provided at their June 22, 2020 meeting and on June 29, 2020, Hydro One advised Grand Council Treaty #3 that the draft ToR would be released to the public for review and posted on the Project website.</p> <p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One reached out to Grand Council Treaty #3 to inquire about the opportunity to schedule a meeting with the Environmental Chiefs. Grand Council Treaty #3 responding indicating a meeting request would be discussed in the near future between the Chiefs. Also on July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided a Notice of a planned VIS for the Project, planned for July 30, 2020. On July 29, 2020, Grand Council Treaty #3 informed Hydro One that they were internally discussing dates to arrange for a virtual meeting with the Project team. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One sent Grand Council Treaty #3 a shared letter via e-mail regarding engagement during COVID-19 and notification that in-person meetings could take place following appropriate health and safety protocols.</p> <p>On August 10, 2020 Grand Council Treaty #3 e-mailed Hydro One requesting an extension to the draft ToR review period. On August 17, 2020, Hydro One responded indicating the draft ToR review period</p>

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	<p>would be extended until September 7, 2020. On September 10, 2020, Grand Council Treaty #3 provided comments to Hydro One on the draft ToR.</p>
<p><b>Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership</b></p>	<p>Seven First Nation communities have formed a partnership known as the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP) (formerly known as the Indigenous Transmission Limited Partnership, ITLP). The First Nations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eagle Lake First Nation;</li> <li>• Fort William First Nation;</li> <li>• Lac La Croix First Nation;</li> <li>• Lac Seul First Nation;</li> <li>• Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation;</li> <li>• Seine River First Nation; and,</li> <li>• Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation.</li> </ul> <p>On January 17, 2020, Hydro One received a letter from the GLP communities to advise Hydro One not to proceed with corridor workshops until the GLP has been able to further organize. In February 2020, Hydro One received a proposed draft initial engagement agreement from OKT Law.</p> <p>Hydro One has corresponded with the GLP regarding the Capacity Funding Agreements and Project activities regularly. Regular meetings are held between Hydro One, Maawandoon and Pinchin Ltd. (GLP’s environmental consultants) regarding the ToR, EA and IK. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding opportunities for continued engagement. On April 21, 2020, the GLP sent Hydro One a letter requesting that engagement activities be paused for the remainder of April and the month of May in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; however, hiring of Community Engagement Coordinators and working with the GLP consultants could continue. On May 27, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to the GLP providing an update on the draft ToR release and next steps, and to offer alternative engagement opportunities in response to COVID-19-related restrictions on holding in-person meetings.</p> <p>On June 7, 2020, the GLP sent a letter expressing that they did not support the proposed engagement methods that would replace or supplement in-person meetings, and proposed that the start of the draft</p>

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	<p>ToR review period be delayed. Hydro One responded to the GLP with a letter acknowledging their concerns with respect to consultation and engagement, and acknowledged that the review of the draft ToR may require additional time which would be accommodated. On June 8, 2020, GLP was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent a hard copy of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the documents. An offer was also made to discuss the document, EA process or the project should GLP have questions. Hydro One followed up by e-mail on June 24, 2020, to confirm the draft ToR was delivered. Hydro One notified GLP on June 29, 2020, that the draft ToR would be released to the public and posted on the Project website.</p> <p>On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of Virtual Information Session planned for July 30, 2020, via e-mail with the Notice attached. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter via e-mail with GLP regarding engagement during COVID-19 and in-person meetings that could take place while following appropriate health and safety protocols. On August 6, 2020, GLP sent Hydro One a letter requesting the comment period for the draft ToR be extended to September 7, 2020. On August 14, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter to GLP indicating the draft ToR review period would be extended until September 7, 2020 for Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Comments on the draft ToR were received from GLP on September 7, 2020.</p>
<p><b>Métis Nation of Ontario Treaty #3, Rainy Lake/Rainy River &amp; Lake of the Woods/Lac Seul (MNO Region 1) and Métis Nation of Ontario Lakehead/Nipigon/Michipicoten Traditional Territory (MNO Region 2)</b></p>	<p>In late 2018, Hydro One reached out to MNO to notify them that the Project was starting and requested an opportunity to meet with them ahead of the official Project start date. Hydro One attempted to schedule a meeting with MNO Region 1, but due to schedule conflicts a meeting did not occur during the Pre-Notice of Commencement engagement phase. Hydro One met with the MNO Region 2 Consultation Committee (CC) in February 2019. Hydro One also met with the MNO’s Lands and Resource branch staff on April 08, 2019 to seek information about MNO’s consultation protocols and provided an overview of the project and the siting process.</p>

Indigenous Community	Summary of Engagement
	<p>A formal Notice of Commencement was provided on April 10, 2019, which included details of the Project and planned June 2019 CICs. Hydro One met with MNO Region 1 CC in Fort Frances in April 2019 and with MNO Region 2 CC in Thunder Bay in June 2019 to provide project overview, expected timelines and information about the siting process.</p> <p>In May 2019, Hydro One shared a draft Capacity Funding Agreement to the MNO Lands, Resources and Consultations Branch (in the absence of a Capacity Funding Agreement, Hydro One provided capacity funding on a case-by-case basis for all engagement undertaken until the time a Capacity Funding Agreement was executed with the MNO).</p> <p>In June 2019, an e-mail was sent inviting representatives to the Corridor Workshops held in Thunder Bay in June. Hydro One agreed to the MNO hosting their own workshop sessions in three different locations (Atikokan on August 13, 2019, Dryden on August 14, 2019, and Thunder Bay on August 15, 2019). Hydro One presented Project information at the beginning of these sessions. The workshop portion of the session was facilitated by MNO and their consultant; Hydro One did not participate in the workshops at the request of MNO.</p> <p>In September 2019, MNO provided <i>MNO 101</i> training session to Hydro One staff. In October 2019, Hydro One was notified that MNO would not be prepared to participate in CICs by the end of 2019. In November 2019, MNO, with their consultant, undertook Valued Component Workshop sessions in Atikokan, Dryden and Thunder Bay. The purpose of this workshop was to provide input on the assessment criteria to be considered in the EA. Hydro One did not attend the workshop at MNO's request. In fall 2019, Hydro One and MNO continued to discuss the Capacity Funding Agreement, CICs, and a consultation work plan.</p> <p>In December 2019, Hydro One executed Information Sharing Agreements (ISA) with the MNO Region 1 CC and MNO Region 2 CC. Following the execution of the ISAs in December 2019, MNO shared the reports from MNO Region 1 and Region 2 corridor workshop sessions held in August 2019. On January 10, 2020, MNO sent Hydro One reports that described the results of the workshops that they held in November 2019.</p>



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	<p>On February 10, 2020, Hydro One held a meeting with MNO Regional Councillors and legal counsel. CICs were scheduled for the week of April 20, 2020 in Thunder Bay, Dryden and Atikokan; however, these community engagement sessions were deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One offered to undertake web-based, remote community sessions; however, MNO declined. On April 6, 2020, Hydro One sent a letter via e-mail regarding continued community engagement opportunities. In mid-April 2020, Hydro One undertook web-based Project update meetings with the MNO Region 1 CC and MNO Region 2 CC.</p> <p>Discussions pertaining to the establishment of a Capacity Funding Agreement continued through early 2020 and on April 28, 2020, Hydro One executed a Capacity Funding Agreement with the MNO. .</p> <p>In May 2020, Hydro One sent MNO a report that described how the MNO transmission siting model inputs were considered and incorporated. A follow-up teleconference was then held with MNO and their consultant. On May 19, 2020, Hydro One shared a Project update via e-mail and inquired whether MNO would consider revisiting the offer for a virtual community meeting.</p> <p>On June 8, 2020, MNO was sent an e-mail with a link to the draft ToR, a checklist and plain language ToR Guide for review and comment. Hydro One also sent hard copies of the ToR and Record of Consultation, and Plain Language ToR Guide by mail with USB flash drives containing electronic copies of the documents. On June 9, 2020, MNO confirmed receipt of the draft ToR via e-mail.</p> <p>An e-mail was sent to the Regional Councillors on July 2, 2020, informing them of the notice of public release of the draft ToR. The notice was attached to the e-mail and Hydro One provided more information about the posting of the draft ToR on the Project website. On July 6, 2020, Hydro One provided the Notice of VIS planned for July 30, 2020 via e-mail to the Regional Councillors with the Notice attached. Hydro One re-sent the e-mail on July 7, 2020. MNO sent out a Project summary to MNO members in Regions 1 and 2 in July 2020. The update included</p>

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	<p>the link to the Project website, as well as contact information for MNO Lands, Resources and Consultations staff for interested MNO members to follow-up with comments and inquiries. During July 2020, Hydro One and MNO corresponded about the availability to discuss the draft ToR.</p> <p>Hydro One had a meeting on July 22, 2020 with MNO Region 1 CC and Region 2 CC representatives and their consultant, MNP LLP, via Webex to discuss the draft ToR. A copy of the presentation was shared on the same day by e-mail. On July 30, 2020, Hydro One shared a letter by e-mail with the Regional Councillors of proposed on-going community engagement for the Project and protocols for in-person engagement due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>On August 10 a tele-meeting was held with MNO Regions 1 and 2. The focus of this meeting was for MNO and their consultants to provide a high-level summary of their comments on the draft ToR.</p> <p>MNO submitted their written comments on the draft ToR on August 13, 2020, which included a letter from their consultant dated August 10, 2020.</p>

### 3.3 Summary of Indigenous Community Input Received prior to draft ToR

As previously described, up to the release of the draft ToR in June 2020, Hydro One provided Indigenous Communities many opportunities to learn about the Project and to be involved in the ToR development process. This section provides a summary of the input received up to the release of the draft ToR. It is noted that additional comments were received on the draft ToR, which are described in **Section 4.0**.

Through participation in the Corridor Workshops, some communities provided input on the types of features that are of value and importance to them which have been incorporated into the route siting model. Some communities and/or community members have expressed the need to avoid effects to specific types of lands/features which are considered to be of value. The MNO (Regions 1 and 2) also conducted their own internal workshops on the effects assessment criteria and submitted their report to Hydro One. This input was considered in the development of draft net effects criteria that are included in Section 7.0 of the ToR.

In addition to the inputs received on the siting model, meetings and discussions with Indigenous communities have provided opportunities to receive input. As previously described, Hydro One has held community meetings with several Indigenous communities to share information and provide updates on the Project. Community meetings have included presentations by Hydro One with opportunities for questions, answers and discussion throughout. Display boards and table maps were setup to introduce the Study Area (i.e., the RSSA).

Feedback has been gathered on multiple topics ranging from inquiries about Project timelines to sharing ideas about economic opportunities that could arise from the Project. **Table 3-2** provides a summary of the comments and questions received at community meetings to date.

**Table 3-2: Summary of Comments Received at Indigenous Community Information Centres**

<b>Traditional Land and Resource Use</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A community expressed that there are trap lines, medicines and berries that continue to be harvested within the study area.</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Environment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some community members expressed the importance of water and shared concerns about impacts to the natural environment.</li> </ul>
<b>Socio-Economic</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some communities stated that they have experienced ongoing electricity capacity issues and loss of electricity from storms.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Impacts and Benefits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest in training and internship opportunities associated with the Project. Would like youth in their communities to be involved.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communities expressed interest in learning more about opportunities that may be available for procurement from their community.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A community member asked how community members that own forestry blocks in the study area will be consulted.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments were made on previous annual compensation agreements made with other Projects, and interest was expressed to have similar agreements for this Project.</li> </ul>

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### Traditional Land and Resource Use

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- Community members expressed interest in how the Project may impact the existing cost of electricity bills.
- Communities expressed interest in opportunities for contracts, funding, and employment.

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### Project Routing

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- Community members asked about the design of the new transmission line, and whether it would look similar to the existing lines.

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### Future Opportunities

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- Community members commented on the number of potential opportunities that could come from upgrades to being connected to the grid (e.g., renewable generation).

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### Community Engagement

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- Community members posed questions about the Terms of Reference development process, how the engagement process works and whether only individual community input is permitted or if multiple communities are allowed to work together.
  - First Nation community members inquired about Treaty Rights and how other groups, such as the Métis, fit into the Project.
  - Community members advised that it would be helpful to provide materials in local languages.
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## 4.0 Draft Terms of Reference Release

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Hydro One released the draft ToR for review from June 29 to August 14, 2020. Based on requests received, the review period was extended for Indigenous communities to September 7, 2020. The draft ToR was made available for download on the Project website and hard copies were provided to Indigenous communities and municipalities within the Project Study Area, as well as provincial and federal agencies and other interested stakeholders upon request. Due to ongoing public health concerns related to COVID-19, hard copies of the draft ToR were not provided for public review; however, USB flash drives containing the draft ToR and supporting documents were made available at the following locations throughout the Project Study Area for interested persons to access:

- 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

The purpose of the draft ToR review period was to receive comments from Indigenous communities, government agencies and officials, and other interested persons on the ToR document. In addition to the release of the draft ToR, a ToR Summary Guide was also prepared and released. During the draft ToR review period, comments were received from:

### **Municipalities and Agencies**

City of Thunder Bay

ECCC

ENDM

MECP

Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)

Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI)



MNRF

### **Indigenous Communities**

GLP

Red Sky Métis Nation

Grand Council Treaty #3

MNO

### **Other Stakeholders**

Treasury Metals

Members of the public

A full breakdown of comments received and responses provided can be found in **Appendix M-1** for municipalities and agencies, and **Appendix M-2** for Indigenous communities. Other stakeholder comments and responses on the draft ToR are provided in **Table 4-1**, below. A summary of the comments received on the draft ToR is provided below.

### **Municipalities and Agencies**

The following provides a summary of key comments provided by agencies:

- Expectations regarding Project details to be outlined in the EA including defining the location of all Project components, including access roads;
- Clarification on describing permanent and temporary Project facilities in the ToR and EA;
- The need for a tree clearing plan to be included in the EA;
- Expectations on EA field study plans prior to implementation;
- Question regarding ability to use existing ROW/structures;
- The need to describe net effects in the EA at the Project site level;
- Suggestions of other information sources, such as various management plans and Forest Management Plans, to be considered during the EA;
- The need to consider in the EA the effects of new access that may be created;
- Clarification on the need for land to upgrade existing transformer stations;
- Clarification on the rationale for identification of a single corridor/route in the section between the Kaministiquia River and Eva Lake, in particular around Shebandowan Lake;
- Use of land in the vicinity of the former Steep Rock Mine;
- Expectations on monitoring plans to be included in the EA;
- Noting of other permits or approvals that may be required for the Project and which should be referenced in the ToR;
- Species at risk (SAR) studies to be conducted in the EA and support for potential permitting;



- The need to consider SAR habitat in the EA as well as the species themselves;
- Clarification in the ToR on information that will be considered in the route evaluation;
- Alternatives be considered to avoid impacts on Provincial Parks, Enhanced Management Areas and Conservation Reserves; and,
- The need to consider in the EA mine hazard areas.

### **Indigenous Communities**

The following provides a summary of some of the key comments made by First Nations, GLP and Grand Council Treaty #3.

- Request to include commitment in the ToR to engage with Indigenous communities throughout the life of the Project, including the involvement of Indigenous monitors; this is to include archaeological surveys and the desire to involve youth;
- Clarification in the ToR on the definition of the Project and HONI's role as the proponent;
- Request that the ToR be more clear on the types of field studies that will be undertaken;
- Noting the desire for contract opportunities during Project implementation;
- Noting that potential effects to the socio-economic environment can be influenced by effects to the natural environment;
- Comments on assessment criteria for consideration during the EA;
- The need for Indigenous communities to be involved in the finalization of the effects assessment criteria; and,
- The need for the EA to assess potential health risks.

The following provides a summary of some of the key comments made by the MNO.

- Request for clarity on the commitment that the EA will assess potential impacts on Section 35 rights and interests of the MNO and the need to include in the EA a description of these rights and interests;
- Comments on effects assessment criteria reflecting the interests of the MNO as provided in their submitted Corridor Workshop report;
- Expressing that Crown land is of key importance to Métis harvesters;
- The need to engage with the MNO to determine the potential for impacts on their rights and interests;
- The need for capacity funding to participate in the Project; and,
- The need to assess the effects of land used for temporary reasons during the Project life.

### **Other Stakeholders**

A number of comments and questions were submitted by the public during the draft ToR review period. Most of these comments were submitted by land and residence owners that live along

existing infrastructure corridors that the alternative routes run along and expressed concerns about impacts to their properties and the local natural environment from the development of a new transmission line. A summary of comments, questions and responses received from other stakeholders on the draft ToR are provided in **Table 4-1**. It is also noted that many concerns were received from landowners in the Lappe area to the west of Thunder Bay regarding the alternative route that follows an existing pipeline corridor.

**Table 4-1: Other Stakeholders Comments, Questions and Responses on Draft ToR**

Comment Theme	Summary of Public Comment	Response
Need for the Project	Why is this project required? What is the main reason for it?	Northwestern Ontario’s active mining and forestry operations are a driver of electricity growth in the region, and bulk system upgrades will be required to meet future electricity needs. As the forestry and mining sectors expand, and the communities that support them grow, increased electricity capacity is required. Once constructed, the Project will draw power from available generation resources throughout the province along with local generation resources to support future economic growth in those sub-regions. At times, it will also allow power export to the rest of the province when there is a surplus in local generation. Hydro One wants to be ready to support the continued growth of the region, which is why we are investing in the development work for the Project now; this includes completing an EA under the EA Act.
Impacts to Property	Concerns regarding location of the new transmission line and impacts to property, adjacent buildings and property values.	A preferred route has not yet been selected. Impacts on property will be considered in the route evaluation process. All interested stakeholders, including property owners, will have the opportunity to provide input to the route selection process during the EA. Once a preferred route is identified, Hydro One will work with directly impacted land owners who may have a proposed structure or section of the corridor on their property.
Cost of Project	Question regarding the cost of the Project, who will pay for it and the potential for increased electricity rates.	Electricity rates are set by the IESO for the province. At this time, it is too early to know the cost to customers as Hydro One has been asked by the IESO to complete the development portion of this project only. Through the development activities undertaken by Hydro One, a cost estimation will be developed. Factors that will influence this include the preferred route, engineering design and schedule. Once the IESO determines an in-service date, the



Comment Theme	Summary of Public Comment	Response
		Ontario Energy Board will review and approve the construction cost through the Leave to Construct (Section 92 of the OEB Act) approval process.
Environmental Effects / Impacts on wildlife	Concerns regarding impacts to the environment including waterways particularly during construction.	The alternative routes identified give consideration to potential effects on sensitive natural features. The protection of natural features has been identified as a priority by Indigenous communities, members of the public, and project stakeholders to date. During the EA, Hydro One will endeavor to select a preferred route with the least overall effects to the environment, including those to wildlife. Potential effects of the new transmission line and other required project components will be assessed, and mitigation measures will be identified to avoid or minimize any negative effects to the environment.
EMF	Concerns of potential EMF effects from my property/home being close to the transmission line.	A number of reputable scientific organizations around the world have concluded that scientific research does not demonstrate that electric and magnetic fields cause or contribute to adverse health effects. Hydro One looks to Health Canada to provide guidelines on exposure to EMF, and Hydro One designs its transmission lines to respect EMF exposure guidelines as established by international experts and organizations. Further resources can be found at: <a href="http://www.hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety/corporate-health-and-safety/electric-and-magnetic-fields">www.hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety/corporate-health-and-safety/electric-and-magnetic-fields</a> . Hydro One will consider EMF during the EA as part of the preferred route effects assessment and during the design of the transmission line. Members of the public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft EA during its review and comment period.
Temporary Access	Concerns with effects from construction access roads on private property.	New or improved access roads may be required to construct the project. If private property is required for access, a real estate coordinator would reach out to all impacted landowners in advance
Public Engagement	Indicated support for virtual engagement, such as the VIS, that was held in July.	Hydro One appreciated the feedback regarding the VIS and support for possible future virtual engagement. Similar virtual events will be planned during the EA phase should COVID-19 related meeting restrictions continue.
Atikokan Generating Station	What will the Atikokan Generating Station's role be during this?	The Atikokan Generating Station will be ending its contract in 2024. There are ongoing discussions with regards to provincial capacity needs and various forums that play in terms of resource adequacy needs with competitive approaches. Hydro One will

Comment Theme	Summary of Public Comment	Response
		monitor the discussions on the needs in the area and required timing of the line construction.
Project Construction/ Employment	Will the project be constructed by Hydro One? Will the people be hired locally?	<p>Hydro One is currently undertaking development work for this line, which will include developing preliminary project execution plans. By tapping into local resources, including employees and locally sourced equipment, Hydro One is committed to addressing the future infrastructure needs of northern Ontario, while supporting local economic growth. Hydro One is in the process of delivering a training program to interested Indigenous communities that is intended to develop local Indigenous communities' skills and capacity in northwestern Ontario in support of the EA.</p> <p>In addition, Hydro One is looking at broader local training and labour opportunities for other stages of the project for both Indigenous communities and the public. It is a priority for Hydro One to support the local labour market by building capacity in the region, not just creating a job.</p>
Visual Impacts	Concerned with visual effects of the transmission line from nearby lakes.	As part of the EA, the potential for visual impacts will be considered including in the selection of the preferred route.

