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Dear Resident:

Notice of Class Environmental Assessment for transmission line work associated with the Wingham Transformer Station refurbishment project in your community

This letter is to inform you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for transmission line work required to accommodate a greater refurbishment project at Wingham Transformer Station (TS). The project area, shown on the attached map, is located near the southeast intersection of Salem Road and Powell Line in your area,

To continue meeting power demands in the area, we must refurbish our Wingham TS. This will include the replacement of power transformers which are approaching their end-of-life, as well as other electrical station equipment. This work will take place within the existing station footprint. To accommodate this station work, some reconfiguration of the transmission lines is required. The proposed line work consists of the installation of four new, replacement of two, and removal of four existing steel lattice structures (towers) to the east of the station fence. Where possible, access would be accomplished using existing roads.

The proposed line work associated with the Wingham TS refurbishment project is subject to the Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016) in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined process to ensure that transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. The Class EA process contains screening provisions that may apply to this project.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process, construction could begin in fall 2020 and be completed by the end of 2022.

Your input on this project is valued and would be appreciated by December 15, 2019. In the interim, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like further information.

As per the request of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, information regarding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* is included and can be viewed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steph Hodsohl".

Stephanie Hodsohl
Community Relations Officer

Attachments (1 project area map)

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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