

Notice of Commencement

Otto Holden Transformer Station Modernization and Proposed new Antoine Transformer Station

Dear neighbour,

December 2022

Hydro One is committed to providing safe and reliable power for homes and businesses now and in the future. That is why we are planning to modernize critical equipment at the Otto Holden Transformer Station (TS) and build a new transformer station, Antoine TS, located in the Municipality of Mattawan, within the District of Nipissing.

This project involves replacing the aging transmission equipment at the existing Otto Holden TS, building a new 230-115 kilovolt (kV) transformer station (Antoine TS), adding a new 230kV transmission line between the two stations, and reconfiguration of two existing 115kV circuits (H4Z and L5H), as shown on the map on the back. Due to safety and technical constraints of replacing aging equipment within Otto Holden TS, construction of Antoine TS is being proposed to house the replacement equipment. Antoine TS would occupy approximately 2.2 hectares and be located 600m southwest of Otto Holden TS. We will use existing access roads and trails to access the project area to the extent possible.

Planning Process

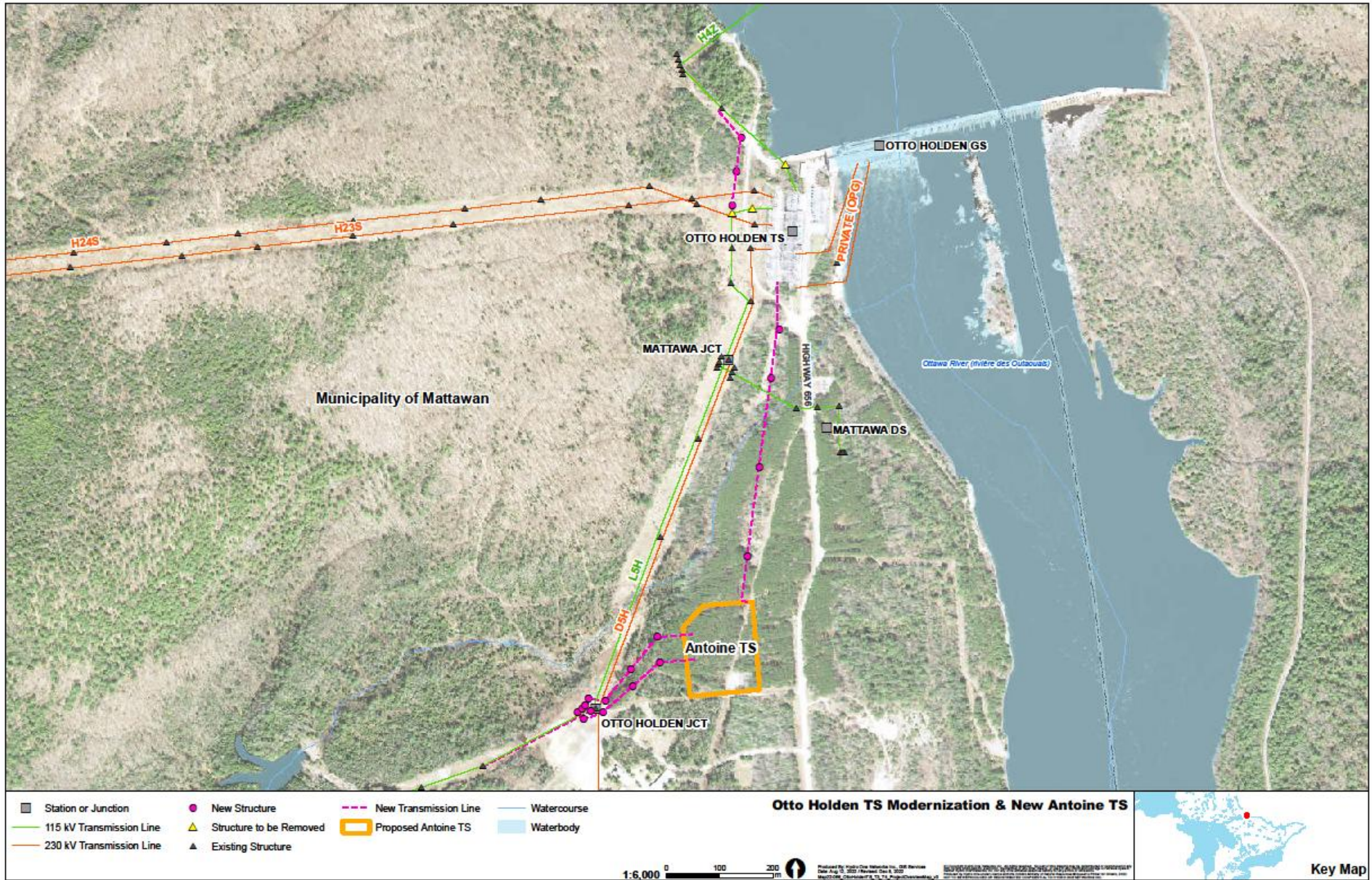
Minimizing the environmental effects of our projects and operations is important to us. The planning of this project will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (2022)" (Class EA for MTF), established in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. This planning process applies to transmission infrastructure projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed (www.hydroone.com/ClassEA).

Within the Class EA for MTF, there are two levels of assessment associated with the type of project and potential environmental effects. These include: i) Screening Process, and ii) Full Class EA Process. Based on the examples provided in the Class EA document, it is anticipated that this project will follow the Screening Process subject to consultation activities and satisfying the applicable screening criteria. Indigenous communities will be consulted and engaged to determine interests and potential project impacts. For more information, please visit www.hydroone.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects.

Once the Class EA process is successfully completed, construction could begin as early as November 2023, and completed by the end of 2026.

We'd like to hear from you

Your input is important to us. Listening to, and learning from Indigenous communities, residents, businesses, government agencies, and interest groups is part of the process. We're here to help. If you would like any further information on this project or have any questions or feedback, please contact us by January 9, 2023 at 1-877-345-6799 or Community.Relations@HydroOne.com.



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