

July 8, 2022



Notice of Commencement

Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities - Kirkland Lake TS to Structure 82 Transmission Line Refurbishment (Circuit K4)

Dear Community Member,

This letter is to inform you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Kirkland Lake Transformer Station (TS) to Structure 82 Transmission Line Refurbishment Project (Circuit K4). The project area is located in the Town of Kirkland Lake, as shown on the attached map.

The proposed project involves refurbishing approximately 10 kilometres of our aging 115 kilovolt transmission line (Circuit K4), to continue supporting regional electricity needs. Project work will include the replacement of aging electrical conductors, wood pole structures, steel lattice structures, shieldwire, and line hardware. To maintain reliability in the area due to outage constraints, a portion of this refurbishment can only be accommodated by installing a new replacement parallel line with new structures within the existing right-of-way (ROW) as a relocation of the circuit. The existing ROW will be widened to accommodate the safety clearances required for the proposed parallel line. Once the parallel line is connected, the existing line and structures will be removed. Existing access roads and trails will be used where feasible, and temporary access will be installed where required.

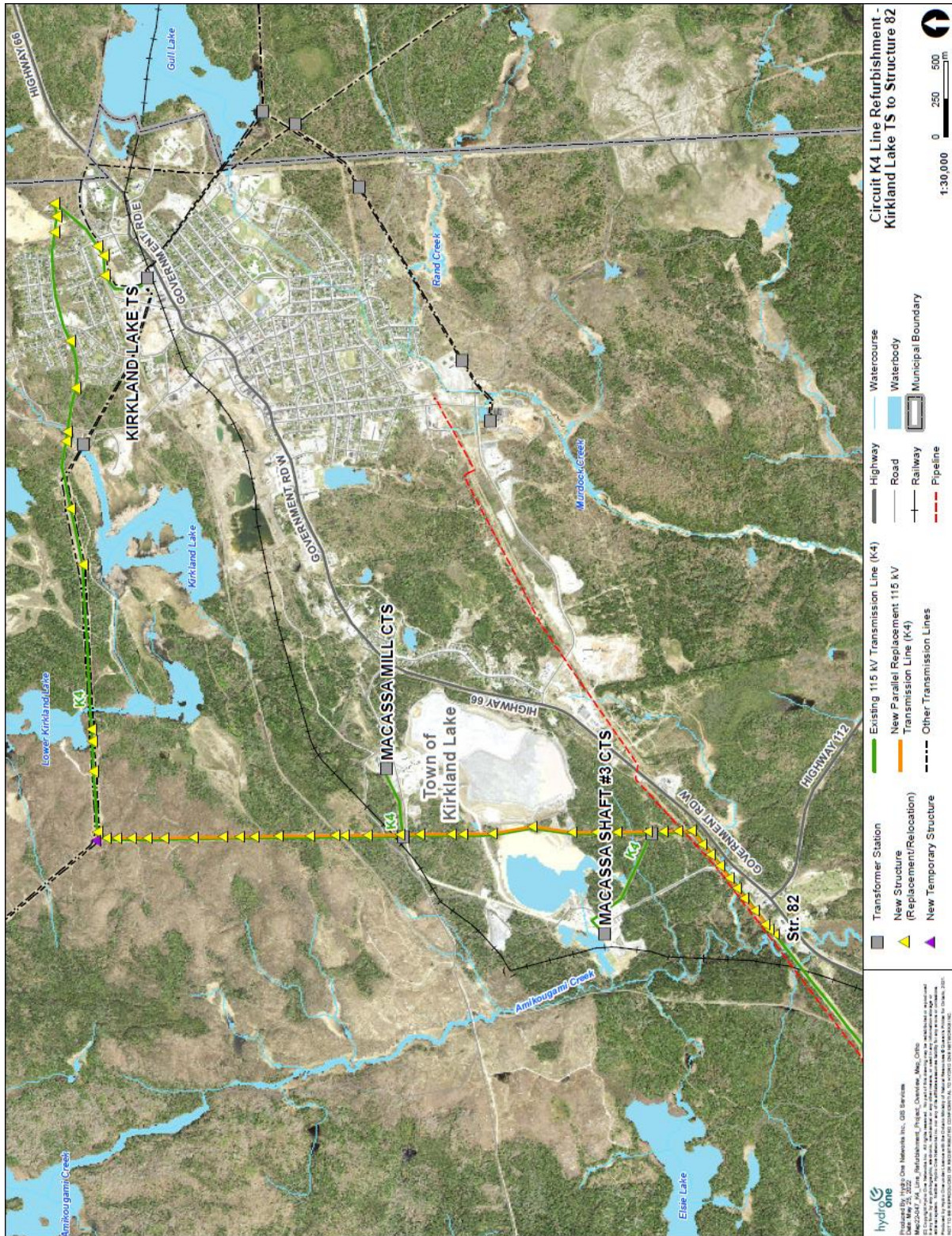
Class Environmental Assessment Process

This project is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Class EA for MTF) in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA for MTF is a streamlined process for planning transmission projects that have a predictable range of environmental effects and feasible mitigation measures that can be applied (www.hydroone.com/ClassEA).

Within the Class EA for MTF there are two tiers of assessment (levels) designed to be commensurate with project scale and associated potential for environmental effects. These include: i) Screening Process, and ii) Full Class EA Process. The Screening Process is a further streamlined process for smaller scale projects with minimal environmental effects (confirmed upon satisfying 16 screening criteria). This project is similar to examples provided within the Class EA document where the Screening Process would typically apply. As such, contingent upon consultation activities and satisfaction of the applicable criteria, it is anticipated that this project will follow the Screening Process.

Once the Class EA process is successfully completed, construction could commence as early as November 2023, and be completed by Fall of 2024.

Please contact us to join our Project contact list, ask questions and provide your feedback. We would appreciate your feedback by August 8, 2022. Information regarding this project will also be available on our project website at www.hydroone.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects.



Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.