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Notice of Commencement

Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities - Highway 11/17 Four-Laning Pearl Lake – Transmission Structure Relocations and Installations

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 Highway 11/17 Four-Laning Pearl Lake - Transmission Structure Relocations and Installations Project. This work is required to support the Ministry of Transportation (MTO)'s plan to widen and re-align Highway 11/17 in the Municipality of Shuniah. To accommodate this, Hydro One is required to relocate and rebuild certain sections of existing transmission lines. The design, location and exact specifications of structure replacements and realignments are subject to change.

The transmission lines which will be altered include a 115 kilovolt (kV) steel lattice tower line referred to as A7L/R1LB, and a 115 kV wood pole line referred to as A6P, as shown on the enclosed map. More detailed maps are available on the project website, listed below. Hydro One's work to facilitate the MTO's plan would involve:

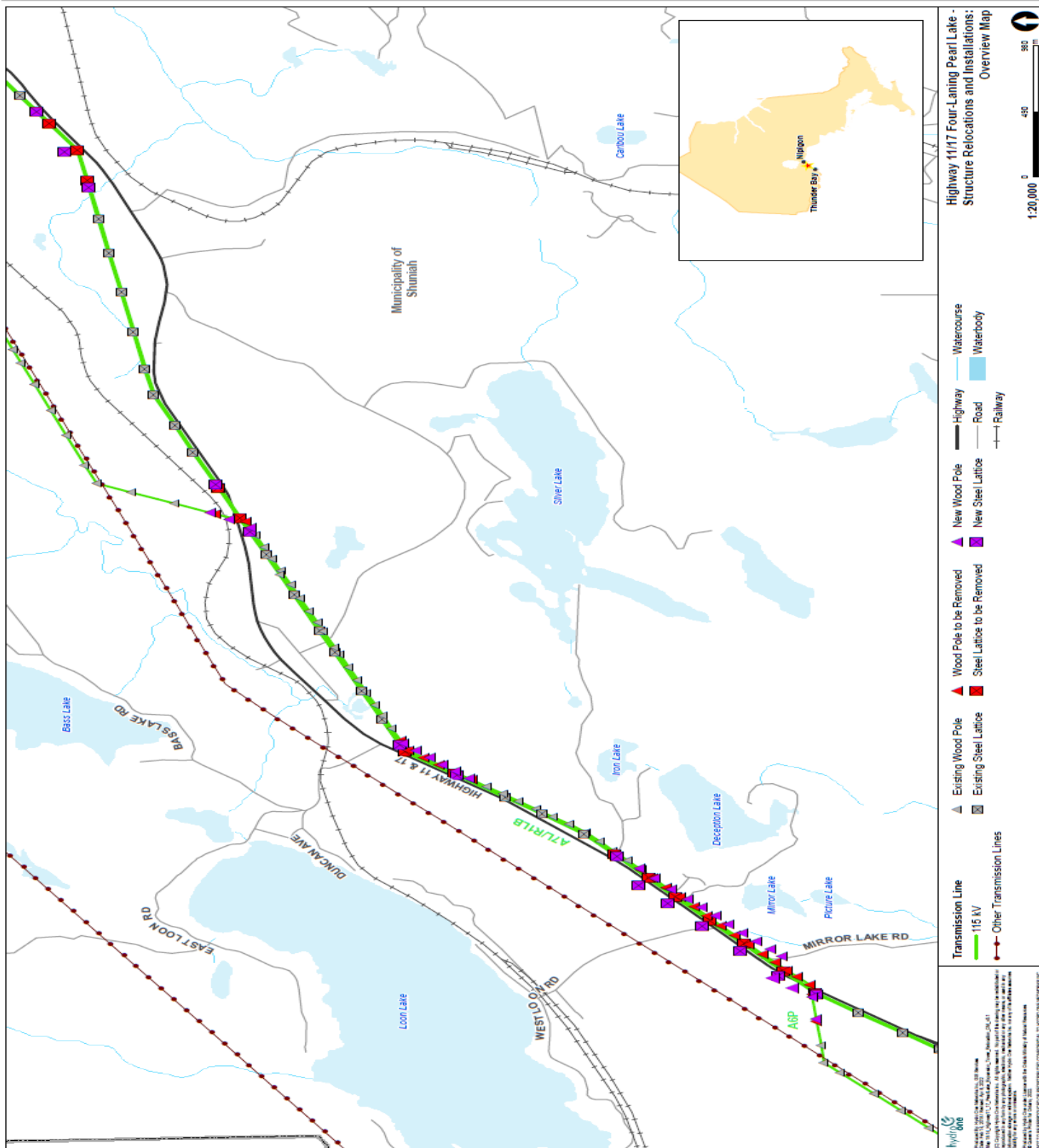
- Installing fourteen (14) new steel lattice structures on 115 kV circuits A7L/R1LB;
- Installing twenty-four (24) new wood pole structures on 115 kV circuit A6P;
- Demolishing old structures; and
- Installing temporary access roads and pulling pads.

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 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.

Once the Class EA process is successfully completed, construction could commence as early as January 2023 and be completed before autumn of 2024. We welcome your comments and feedback regarding this project and would appreciate hearing from you by May 24th, 2022. If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding this project, please feel free to contact me.

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