

Notice of Commencement

Class Environmental Assessment for Umicore Transformer Station and Hydro One Transmission Line Project

May 2023

Hydro One is committed to energizing life by delivering safe and reliable power to homes and businesses in the Township of Loyalist. As industry and businesses grow, so does the need for safe and reliable power. That is why Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for proposed electrical infrastructure that will energize Umicore's planned battery materials facility in Millhaven, Ontario.

As part of this, Hydro One is proposing to build a new Transformer Station (TS) on the facility's property and a 2 km 230kV double circuit transmission line that will connect the new TS to the existing transmission network. On the reverse side of the notice, you can find a map that identifies the location of the proposed new TS and transmission line.

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 (streamlined), 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. Once the Class EA process is successfully completed, anticipated construction could begin as early as spring 2024.

For more information please visit www.hydroone.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects.

We'd like to hear from you

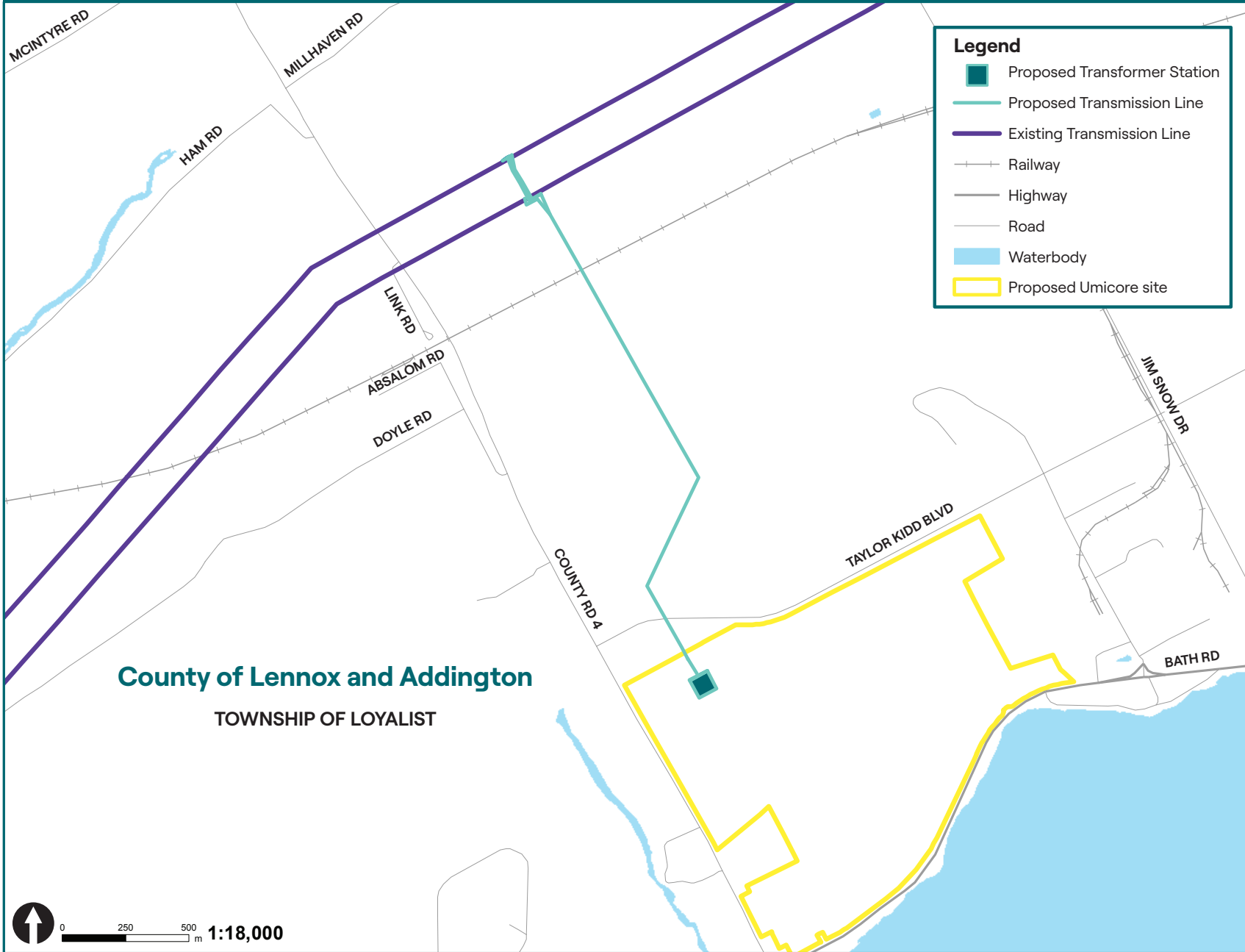
Your input is important to us. Hearing and learning from Indigenous communities, residents, businesses, government agencies, and interest groups will be instrumental to inform all aspects of our planning process. Please provide comments or contact us with your questions by **June 28, 2023**.

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Proposed Umicore Transformer Station and Transmission Line



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