

# Notice of Commencement

## Class Environmental Assessment for the Windsor NextStar Transformer Station

September 2022

Hydro One is committed to energizing life for communities, people, and businesses across Ontario. As industry and businesses grow in the City of Windsor, so does the need for safe and reliable power. That is why Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to build new electrical infrastructure that will energize NextStar Energy Inc.'s proposed electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant at the east end of Twin Oaks Drive, west of Banwell Road in the City of Windsor. This includes:

- Building a new 230 kilovolt (kV) transformer station (TS) located within the larger plant's site that will be less than one hectare in size.
- Constructing a new double-circuit 230kV transmission line approximately 700 metres in length that will connect the new TS to existing transmission lines located immediately south of the proposed station location.
- Refurbishing a section of an existing 115 kV transmission line to accommodate the new TS line connection and installing an additional wire to support the protection and control of the new line and station.

On the reverse side of this notice, you can find a map that identifies the location of the new TS and transmission line. Construction access is currently planned to utilize Twin Oaks Drive for station construction and Banwell Road to the existing transmission corridor for transmission line construction.

### Planning Process

Minimizing the effects of our projects and operations on the environment is important to us. The planning of this project will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (July 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](http://www.hydroone.com/ClassEA)).

Within the Class EA for MTF there are two levels of assessment associated with the size of the 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 16 screening criteria. For more information, please visit [www.hydroone.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects](http://www.hydroone.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects).

Once the Class EA process is successfully completed, construction could commence as early as March 2023, with the infrastructure in-service by January 2024.

### 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. For any comments on the project, we would welcome your feedback by **November 14, 2022**. Additionally, if you would like any further information or have any questions, you can contact us at:

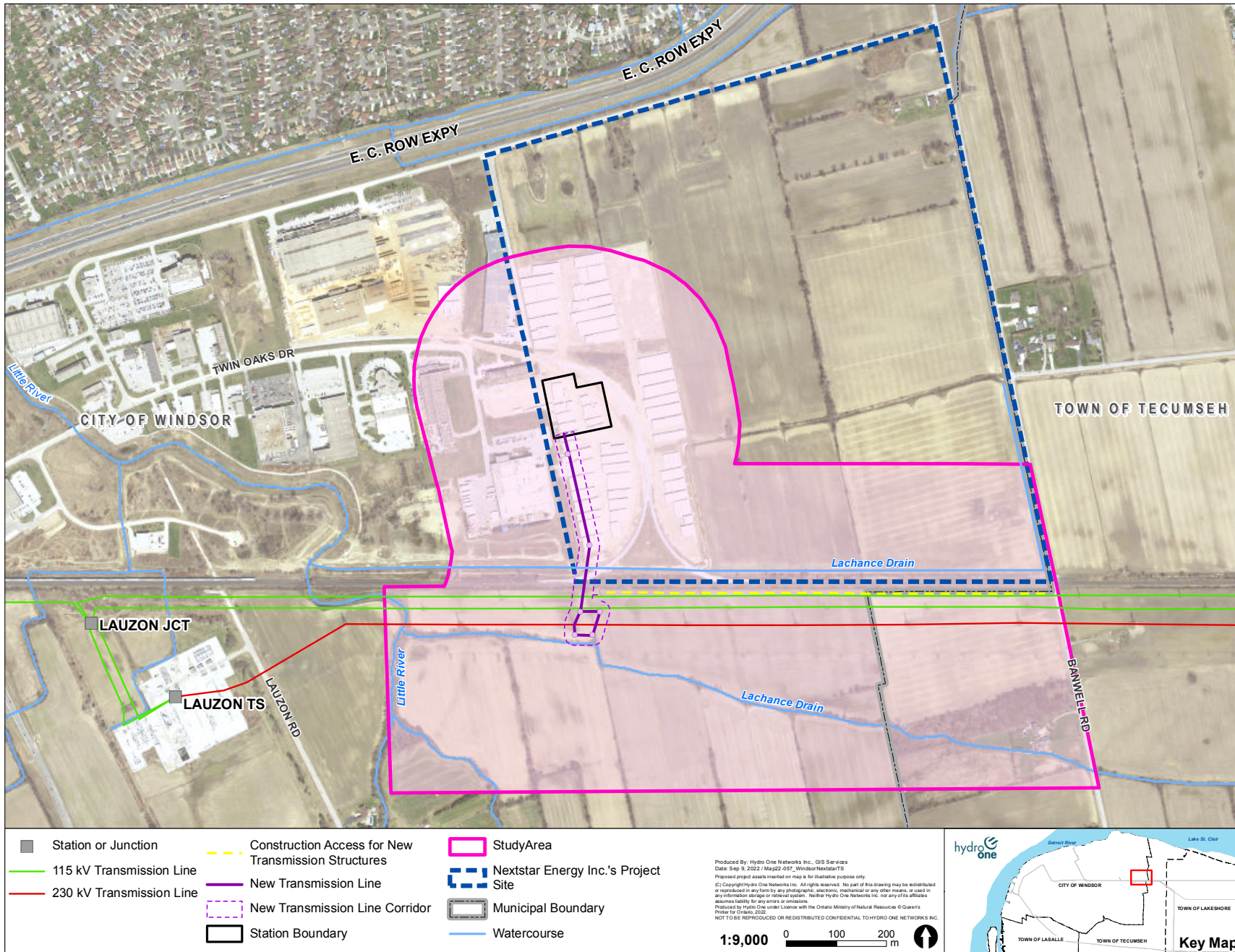


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# Windsor NextStar Transformer Station Project Study Map



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