

# NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

## Class Environmental Assessment

### Kapuskasing Area Transmission Line Reinforcement Project

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to reinforce its existing 115 kilovolt transmission infrastructure which connects the municipalities of Kapuskasing, Moonbeam, Fauquier-Strickland, and Smooth Rock Falls. To ensure that the area continues to receive a safe and reliable supply of electricity, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need to upgrade two sections of transmission line, shown on the attached maps:

1. Spruce Falls Junction (JCT) to Carmichael Falls JCT, from Kapuskasing to Fauquier-Strickland; and
2. Gemini Smooth Rock Falls JCT to H9K Structure 127A JCT, in Smooth Rock Falls.

As part of this project, Hydro One is proposing to replace the conductor (wire) along the existing right-of-way and replace a number of aging/damaged wood pole structures. In addition, to accommodate the new conductor, the height of some poles may need to be increased and some new wood poles may be required. The locations for these pole modifications and additions will be identified during the Class EA process.

This proposed project is subject to the Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined planning process that has proven effective in ensuring that minor transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. The Class EA Process contains screening provisions that may apply to this project. Subject to the outcome of the Class EA, construction could begin by summer 2018.

#### We want to hear from you

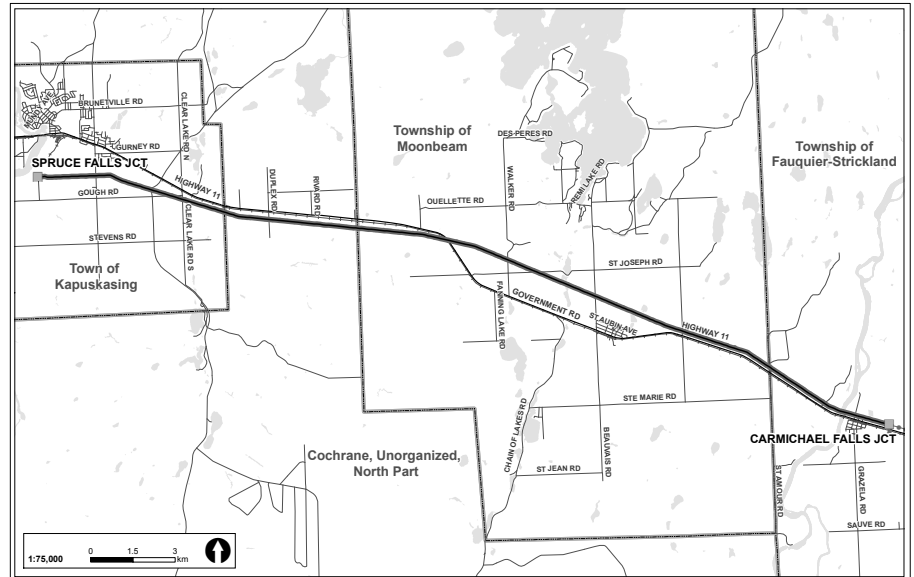
The Class EA process provides opportunities for First Nations and Métis communities, members of the public, businesses, stakeholder groups, government agencies and other interested parties to participate and provide feedback. Your input is important and we welcome your questions and comments.

#### For more information

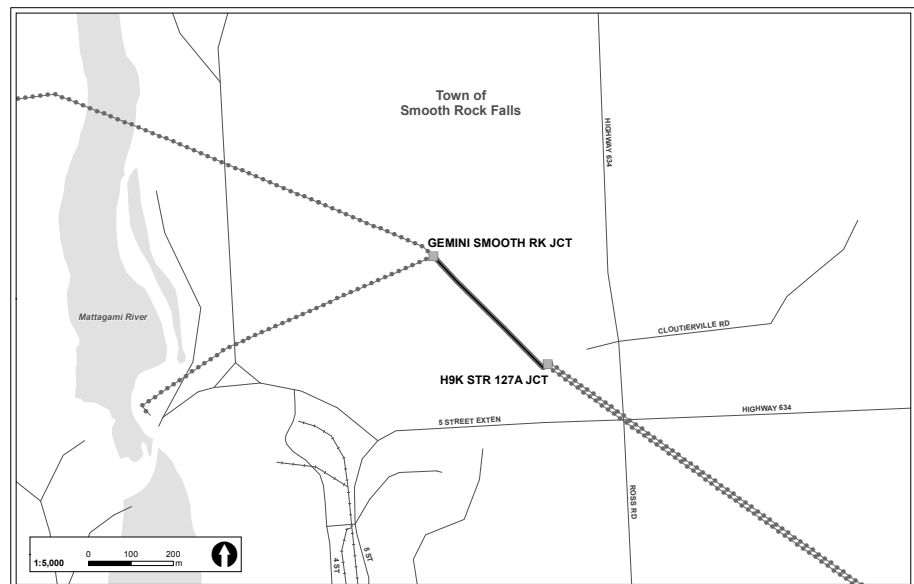
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Project area 1:



Project area 2:



#### Legend for the above maps

- Station or Junction
- Section of Circuit H9K 115 kV to be Upgraded
- Transmission Line
- Municipal Boundary
- Highway
- Road
- Railway
- Waterbody



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