

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

Leaside to Main Infrastructure Refurbishment Project

Earlier this year, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Leaside to Main Infrastructure Refurbishment Project, to replace aging underground transmission cables in eastern downtown Toronto. This work is required to maintain a safe and reliable supply of electricity to the area. Hydro One has now completed the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR), which will be available for a 47-day public review and comment period beginning on September 29, 2016.

The proposed undertaking consists of:

- Replacing the underground cable between Leaside Transformer Station (TS) and Todmorden Junction (JCT). Hydro One has selected a preferred routing option as shown on the map and documented in the draft ESR; and
- Replacing the underground cable between Main TS and Lumsden JCT along the existing route, as no feasible alternatives were identified.

The replacement of underground cable is subject to the *Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities* (Ontario Hydro, 1992). Pending the necessary approvals, construction could begin in mid-2017.

Our consultations on this project have included the replacement of overhead shield wire between Todmorden JCT and Lumsden JCT, which Hydro One had originally planned to complete at the same time as the underground cable replacement. The work on the shield wire has now been postponed and will no longer be assessed in the draft ESR. Hydro One is currently re-evaluating this work to identify opportunities to combine the shield wire replacement with future refurbishment activities that may be required in the same area. The release of the draft ESR, originally scheduled for early September, was deferred to incorporate this change. Nearby residents and stakeholders will be notified when more information about the overhead line work is available.

HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

The draft ESR will be available for a 47-day public review and comment period from September 29, 2016 to November 14, 2016.

The draft ESR can be viewed at

www.HydroOne.com/projects/Leasidetomain/, and hard copies will be available for review at the following locations:

**Thornclyffe Toronto
Public Library**
48 Thornclyffe Park Drive
Tel: 416-396-3865

**Main Street Toronto
Public Library**
137 Main Street
Tel: 416-393-7700

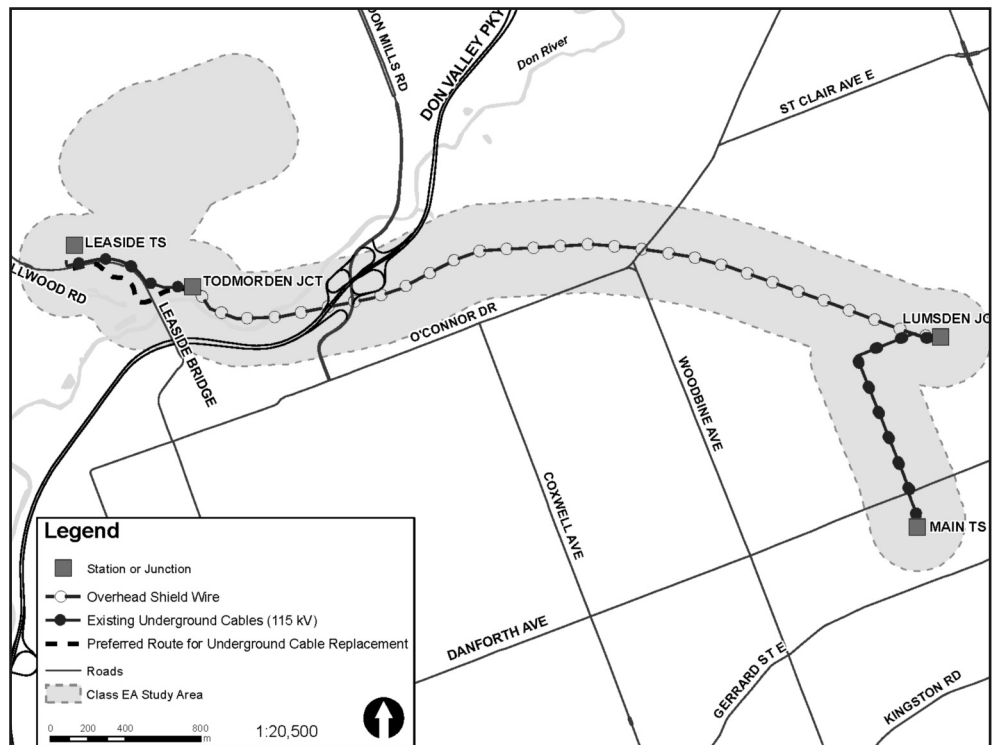
**Dawes Road Toronto
Public Library**
416 Dawes Road
Tel: 416-396-3820

**S. Walter Stewart Toronto
Public Library**
170 Memorial Park Avenue
Tel: 416-396-3975

Written questions or comments on the draft ESR must be received by Hydro One no later than **4:30 p.m. on November 14, 2016.**

PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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Hydro One will respond to and make best efforts to resolve any issues raised by concerned parties during the public review period. If no concerns are expressed, Hydro One will finalize the ESR and file it with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. The project will then be considered acceptable and may proceed as outlined in the ESR.

The *Environmental Assessment Act* has provisions that allow interested parties to ask for a higher level of assessment for a Class Environmental Assessment project if they feel that outstanding issues have not been adequately addressed by Hydro One. This is referred to as a Part II Order request. Such requests must be addressed in writing to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, as well as the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch and received no later than **4:30 p.m. on November 14, 2016**, at the following addresses:

Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
77 Wellesley Street West
11th Floor, Ferguson Block
Toronto, ON M7A 2T5
Email: Minister.MOECC@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Approvals Branch
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
135 St. Clair West, 1st Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
Email: EAASIBgen@ontario.ca

Please note that a duplicate copy of a Part II Order request must also be sent to Hydro One at the address noted.

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