

Notice of Commencement and Community Open House #1

Class Environmental Assessment for a new 230 kilovolt Transmission Line between Lambton and Chatham

February 2022

Hydro One is committed to energizing life in southwestern Ontario. As demand for electricity in southwestern Ontario is anticipated to grow significantly over the next several years, Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Lambton Transformer Station, located in the County of Lambton and the Chatham Switching Station, located in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Hydro One is calling this undertaking the **St. Clair Transmission Line Project**.

This transmission line is part of a network of electricity infrastructure projects identified in the region by the Independent Electricity System Operator, the organization responsible for planning for the province's future energy needs. This project will help meet the rapidly growing electricity demands of the industrial, agricultural and residential sectors in the region.

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" (Class EA for MTF, 2022), 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. Following completion of the Class EA, the project will also require Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval under Section 92 (Leave to Construct) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*. The in-service date is expected no later than 2028.

As part of the Class EA, Hydro One has identified five viable route alternatives for the new transmission line as shown in the attached map and online [HydroOne.com/SCTL](https://www.hydroone.com/SCTL). These route alternatives will be studied and evaluated to ultimately select a preferred route for the new line. Indigenous communities will be consulted and engaged to determine potential impacts to rights.

We'd like to hear from you

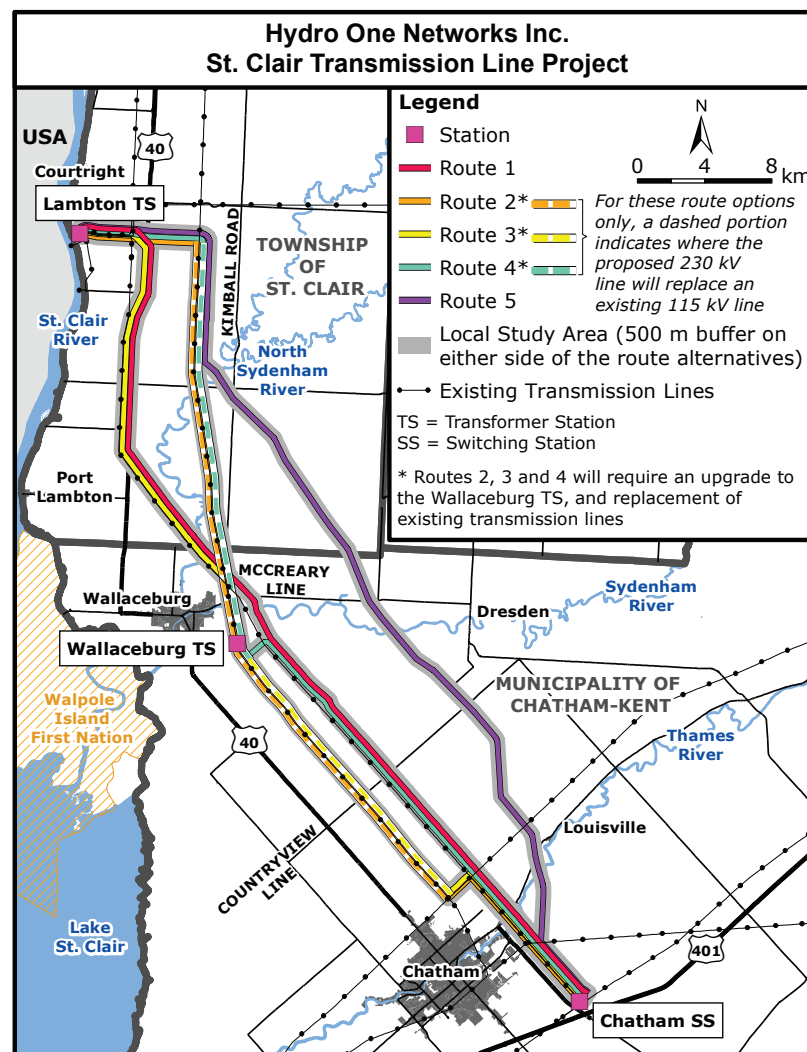
Your input is important to us. Receiving feedback from residents, Indigenous communities, businesses, government agencies, and interest groups will be instrumental to inform all aspects of the Class EA. We invite you to join our upcoming virtual **Community Open House #1** to learn more about the project, ask our team questions and provide feedback.

Please join us:

Visit the project website [HydroOne.com/SCTL](https://www.hydroone.com/SCTL) to tour through our virtual open house which will exhibit project information and provide opportunities to share your feedback.

The virtual room will be available starting **February 25, 2022**.

We will continue to monitor the latest pandemic developments and will look for safe in-person Community Open House Opportunities in the future.



St. Clair Transmission Line

Community Open House #1

Live Discussions

Wednesday, March 9, 2022
7 - 8 p.m. EST

Thursday, March 10, 2022
7 - 8 p.m. EST

1. Visit [HydroOneMeeting.ca](https://www.hydroone.com/Meeting) to register and view our live stream materials.
2. Dial **1.800.851.2595** to join the call and listen to the presentation.

You may also receive an automated call on both days, reminding you about the upcoming session and inviting you to stay on the call to participate.

To submit a question in advance please email Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

We're here to help

If you would like any further information or have any questions, please contact Community Relations at:

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