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MPP John Vanthof
Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Timikaming-Cochrane District
63 B Government Road West
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Re: UPDATE - Class Environmental Assessment Project - Wood Pole Replacement of the 115 kilovolt Transmission Structures (Circuit D3K) located in the Township of Evanturel, City of Temiskaming Shores, and District of Timiskaming

Dear MPP Vanthof:

This letter is to provide you with an update on an Environmental Assessment (EA) we had provided you information about in late 2019. Initially the scope of work consisted of replacing approximately 17 structures. After re-examining the line, we have determined that we need to increase this replacement to approximately 22 structures planned for replacement in 2020. This project will occur on the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (circuit D3K), located between the Township of Evanturel and the City of Temiskaming Shores including the District of Timiskaming. The project area is shown on the attached maps.

This project has been identified for replacement through Hydro One's annual wood pole testing program, as some of the wood poles have reached their end-of-life. Replacing damaged and aging structures will ensure the continued reliability and integrity of these transmission lines and electricity supply to the areas. We anticipate that this work would be carried out within the existing transmission corridors, with no new corridors being required. Where possible, access to the transmission structures would be gained using existing roads and trails. There would be very little noticeable difference in these transmission lines after the project has been completed.

This type of project is considered routine maintenance work with relatively minor effects and are subject to the Class Environmental Assessment 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 these projects.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process, the replacement of wood poles may begin as early as March 2020 and be completed by the end of 2020.

As per the request of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, information regarding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* is included and can be viewed below.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at (416) 345-6799, or Community.Relations@HydroOne.com. Information regarding this project will also be available on our project website at www.hydroone.com/woodpoles. Your input for this project is valued and would be appreciated by March 16, 2020.

Sincerely,

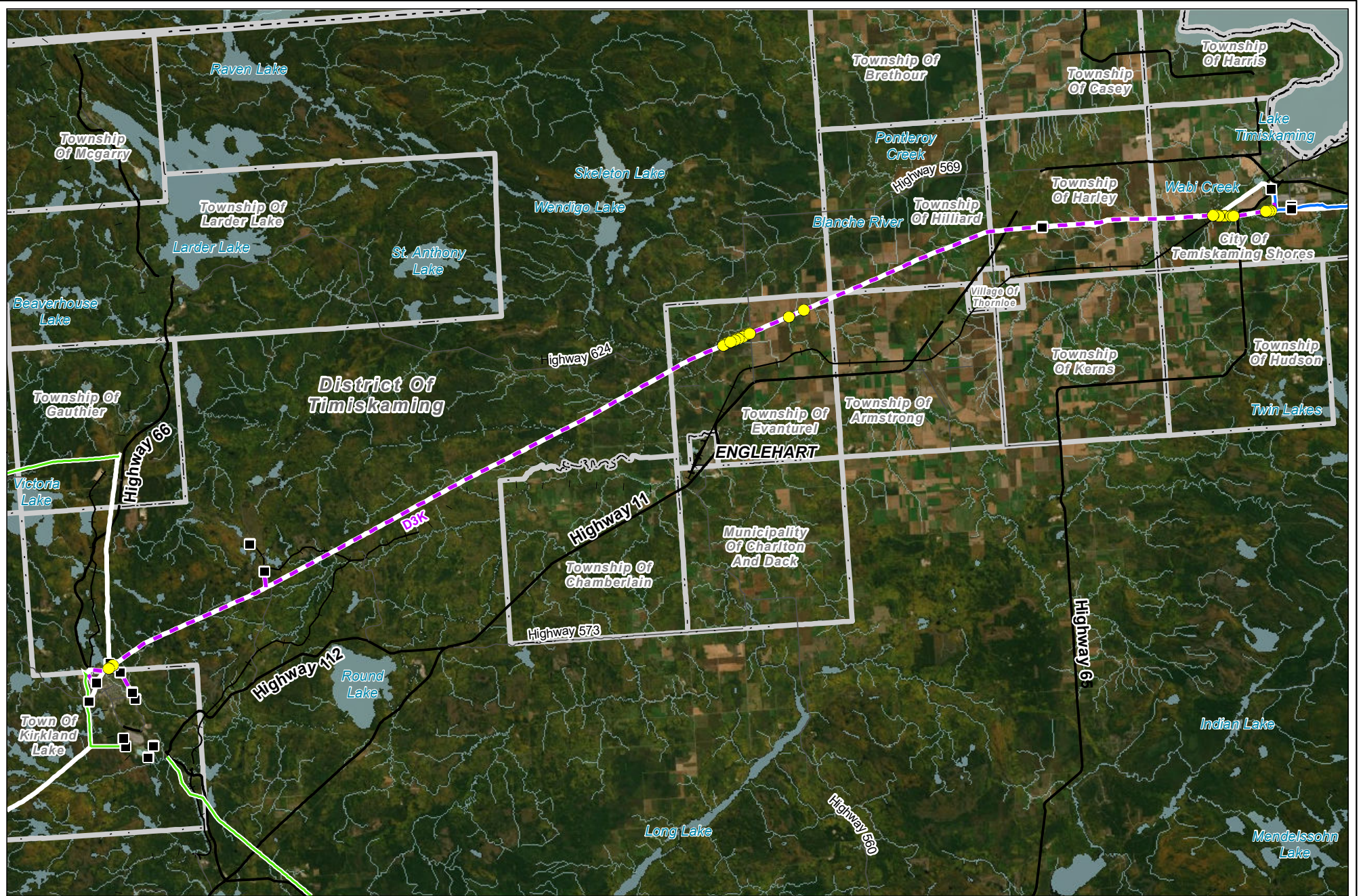
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Eryn Brown
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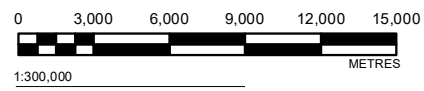
Enclosed (2): General Area Overview Map (1)
 General Area Map – District of Timiskaming (1)

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- LEGEND**
- Wood Pole Replacement (Approximate Work Area)
 - Existing Station or Junction
 - 115 kV Transmission Line (Circuit D3K)
 - 115 kV Transmission Line
 - 230 kV Transmission Line
 - Highway
 - Road
 - Railway
 - Municipal Boundary
 - Water



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2020 WOOD POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - CIRCUIT D3K

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GENERAL AREA OVERVIEW MAP

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- Wood Pole Replacement (Approximate Work Area)
 - Water
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 - 115 kV Transmission Line
 - Municipal Boundary



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2020 WOOD POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - CIRCUIT D3K

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GENERAL AREA MAP - DISTRICT OF TIMISKAMING

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