Community Notice
Wood Pole Replacement

Dear Resident,   October 2, 2020

I am writing you to let you know that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is planning to refurbish structures along the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in your area. The maps provided show an overview of the entire project and a local view of the structure areas to be replaced in your community.

The Wood Pole Replacement Program is an annual routine maintenance program that determines the need to replace end-of-life wood pole structures due to aging infrastructure or degradation from insect activity, decomposition, weather damage, or wood pecker activity. Replacement of these wood pole structures, and their associated components, will ensure the continued reliability and integrity of Ontario's transmission system and electricity supply to communities.

This work is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (November 2016) (Class EA for MTF) in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA for MTF is a streamlined process to ensure that transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. Within the Class EA for MTF there are two tiers of assessment (levels) designed to be commensurate with project scale and associated potential for environmental effects. These include: i) Screening Process, and ii) Full Class EA Process. The Screening Process is a further streamlined process for smaller scale projects with insignificant environmental effects (confirmed upon satisfying 16 screening criteria). The project being planned is similar to examples provided within the Class EA document where the Screening Process would typically apply. As such, contingent upon consultation activities and satisfaction of the applicable criteria, it is anticipated that this project will follow the Screening Process.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA, the replacement of wood poles may begin as early as January 2021. If you would like to provide feedback about this work, please contact us by November 2, 2020. If there are any updates to the project information provided, I will ensure you are promptly informed. 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 below.

The health and safety of our employees, contractors and the communities we work in is top priority and we continue to follow the latest developments related to COVID-19. We continue to ensure all staff are equipped to complete their activities while taking precautions including following good hygiene and social distancing, whenever possible.

Contact Us!

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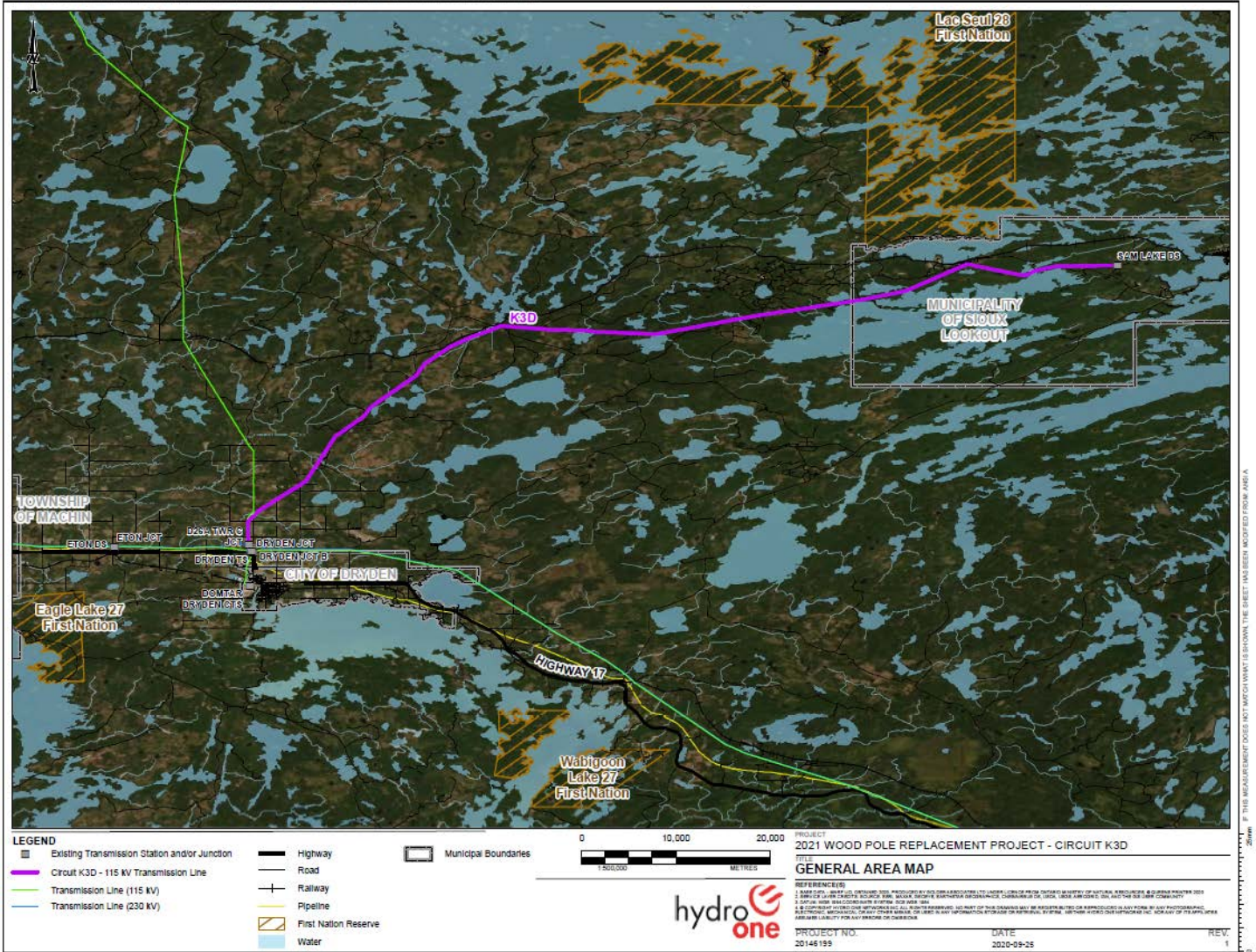t: 1-877-345-6799
Please refer to Circuit K3D on our website: www.hydroone.com/woodpoles

Map of entire project area for wood pole replacement on Circuit K3D:

Map of project area for wood pole replacement on Circuit K3D within the Municipality of Sioux Lookout: