



POWERING THE NORTH: WAASIGAN

UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND INVITATION TO COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRES WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE, HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has been powering northwestern Ontario for more than 70 years, and is committed to continuing to serve homes and businesses in the region. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has requested Hydro One begin the development work for a proposed transmission line, including the Environmental Assessment (EA), in order to provide additional electricity capacity to northwestern Ontario in the future.

On April 24, 2019, Hydro One initiated an EA under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* for the Waasigan Transmission Line, a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. Waasigan is an Ojibwe word for “bringing power”.

The EA will determine the preferred route for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between

Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden (see project map).

The first step in the EA process is the preparation of the Terms of Reference (ToR) which will set out the framework for how the EA will be completed. We are committed to engaging with community members, Indigenous communities, property owners, industry and interested groups through our Community Information Centres. Join us at our second round of Community Information Centres to learn about and provide feedback on the project, including on the Route Selection Study Area which has been refined based on the routing information we have gathered to date. Learn how to get involved in the TOR process when the draft document is released later this year. Members of the public, Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials and other interested persons are encouraged to participate in this planning process by attending one of our sessions on the following dates and times provided.

PLEASE JOIN US:

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

Kakabeka Falls

5 – 7 p.m. EST

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 225
4556 Trans-Canada Hwy, Kakabeka Falls
**snow date: Monday April 6, 2020*

TUESDAY MARCH 31, 2020

Thunder Bay

5 – 7 p.m. EST

Victoria Inn & Conference Centre
555 Arthur St., Thunder Bay
**snow date: Tuesday April 7, 2020*

Ignace

5 – 7 p.m. CDT

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 168
106 Front St., Ignace
**snow date: Tuesday April 7, 2020*

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 2020

Atikokan

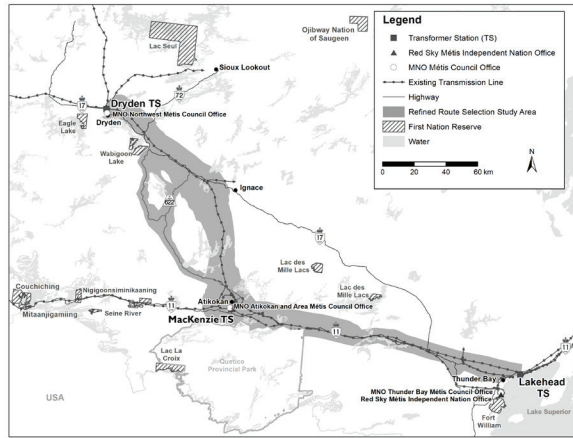
5 – 7 p.m. EST

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 145
115 O'Brien St., Atikokan
**snow date: Wednesday April 8, 2020*

Dryden

5 – 7 p.m. CDT

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63
34 Queen St., Dryden
**snow date: Wednesday April 8, 2020*



The Community Information Centres will only be held during the identified snow dates as back-up, in case of poor weather conditions, or other unanticipated reasons.

For further information about this project, please contact
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