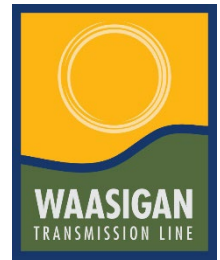


# PROJECT NOTICE

## Waasigan Transmission Line



**MARCH 2022**

Hydro One wants to ensure that opportunities are made available for Indigenous communities to meaningfully participate in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. Field surveys are an important aspect of the EA. For all field surveys, Hydro One will work proactively with Indigenous communities to maximize input into the field work planning and to promote employment opportunities.

### **Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Update**

In February 2022, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) approved the Amended Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waasigan Transmission Line EA. The ToR sets out the plan for how the EA will be conducted over several years. As described in the ToR, natural heritage field surveys are an important part of the EA process and are needed to collect baseline data. The field program will collect data along the alternative transmission line routes to help inform the selection of a preferred transmission line route, as well as the assessment of the preferred route project footprint.

### **Aquatics and Terrestrial Field Work Plans – Comments Welcome**

Hydro One has retained Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder), a member of WSP, to provide support for the EA. Golder's work includes the completion of field surveys in 2022 to support the EA. Field surveys proposed for 2022 include:

- Wildlife surveys for animals such as migratory birds or species at risk, and habitat;
- Vegetation and wetland surveys for species at risk plants, rare species, invasive plants and traditional use plants; and
- Watercourse surveys to record characteristics such as size, fish habitat, species at risk and sensitive features.

The above work is planned to be completed between May and September 2022, with the first survey to start at the beginning of May in order for it to occur during the appropriate seasonal window. We are seeking your input on the field work plans, and are interested in gathering information that could help inform and improve these survey activities.

These proposed surveys are described in detail in the field work plans provided for your review.

**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE  
FIELD WORK PLANS**

Additional notification of the surveys, including specific dates, will be shared with you prior to the planned surveys. If you have any questions or comments regarding the planned scope, proposed timing or have protocols for notification to your community in advance of or during the surveys, please contact Dayna Groom at (807) 358-0849 or [Dayna.Groom@HydroOne.com](mailto:Dayna.Groom@HydroOne.com) by April 15, 2022. The field work plan for the surveys will be finalized based on your community input and other applicable agencies.

A summary of the survey findings will be provided after the surveys, later in 2022. As well, these findings will be included in information materials that will be developed and shared with Indigenous communities as part of the ongoing engagement plan during the EA.

### **Apply for a Field Team Member Position!**

Golder is seeking applicants from Indigenous communities for field team members. We invite members of your community to apply to join the Golder team for the field surveys. The field surveys will provide opportunities for the hired community member(s) to share ecological knowledge that can inform and be incorporated into the alternative route evaluation and the effects assessment.

Please see the attached job descriptions for further information, including how candidates can apply for the positions. Qualified candidates will be contacted between April 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022.

Golder is also seeking applicants for other technical positions in northern Ontario and encourages qualified candidates to apply to the postings below:

- [Junior Fisheries Ecologist](#)
- [Terrestrial Ecologist](#)
- [Birder](#)

### **For More Information**

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project, please feel free to contact Dayna Groom at (807) 358-0849 or [Dayna.Groom@HydroOne.com](mailto:Dayna.Groom@HydroOne.com).

## **INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE**

We acknowledge and respect that Indigenous peoples have unique knowledge and historic relationships with their lands. Receiving input on how the Project could affect traditional uses of the land is an essential aspect of Hydro One's EA process and engagement with Indigenous communities.

Hydro One is providing support and capacity for communities to collect and share Indigenous Knowledge, in a way that works for the community, so it can be considered and incorporated into the Project.

For more information, please see the Terms of Reference at [www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan](http://www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan).