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Vice President, Transmission & Stations

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Ms. Kristen Oliver
Executive Director
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
P.O. Box 10308
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Via email

Dear Ms. Oliver:

Hydro One seeks approval to construct new East-West Tie transmission line

Designing, building, and operating transmission infrastructure has been a core competency of Hydro One for many decades. Our teams bring their best each day and are working to deliver a transmission capital portfolio that has more than 200 projects at any given time.

With this in mind, and given our long history of service and ongoing commitment to northern Ontario, Hydro One has submitted an application to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) seeking approval to construct a new transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and Wawa TS, as shown on the attached map. This new transmission line is needed to ensure an adequate, safe, and reliable supply of power to enable future growth and development in northwestern Ontario.

Our proposed project, which we are calling the Lake Superior Link, is a 400 kilometre double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line that would primarily be built on or adjacent to Hydro One's existing East-West Tie transmission corridor. Hydro One's proposal is the most cost-effective solution for Ontario electricity customers.

By maximizing use of existing infrastructure, our route is approximately 50 km shorter and can be constructed on a narrower corridor than the current proposal. This reduces the amount of undisturbed land that would need to be cleared, thereby minimizing environmental impacts and disturbance to local communities. A major benefit of our project would be realized in Pukaskwa National Park, where Hydro One's existing transmission line can be upgraded without widening the corridor.

We are very excited about our proposal and its ability to maximize value for Ontario electricity customers, and look forward to discussing how this project can deliver tangible benefits to all communities in the project area.

We will be following with you shortly to schedule a briefing for yourself and NOMA's President. Hydro One and its construction partner, SNC-Lavalin, are also planning to host a series of public information drop-ins in March in communities within the project area. We will advise you once the dates and locations have been booked, and they will be advertised in local newspapers and on our website at www.HydroOne.com/LakeSuperiorLink.

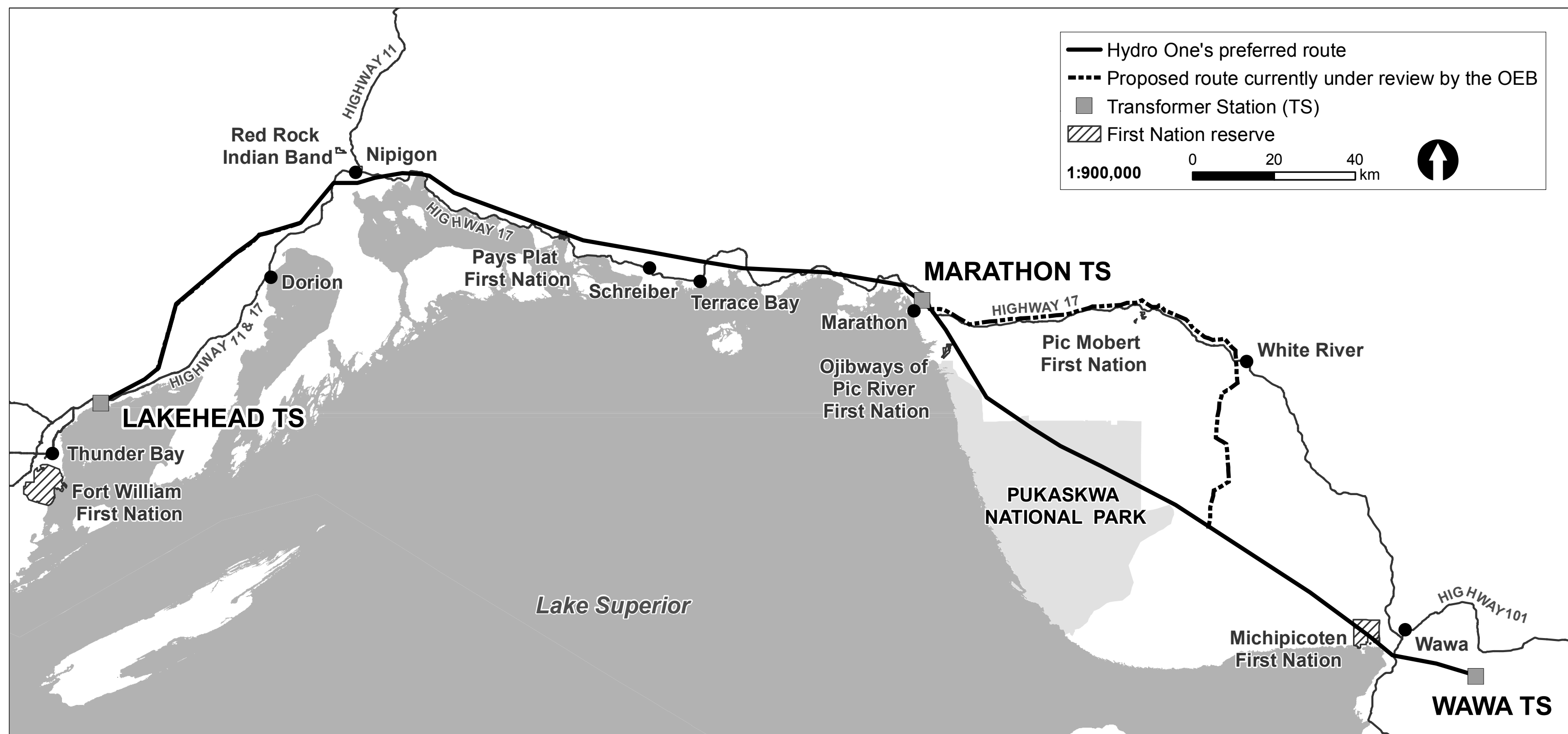
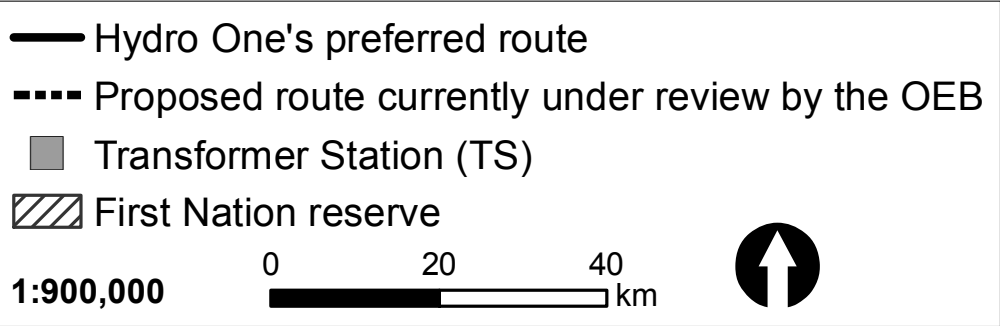
I have attached a copy of a newspaper ad that will run in local papers in the coming weeks to let people know about our Lake Superior Link project. In the interim, should you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me or Denise Jamal, Senior Manager, Community Relations at 1-877-345-6799.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Spencer
Vice President, Transmission and Stations

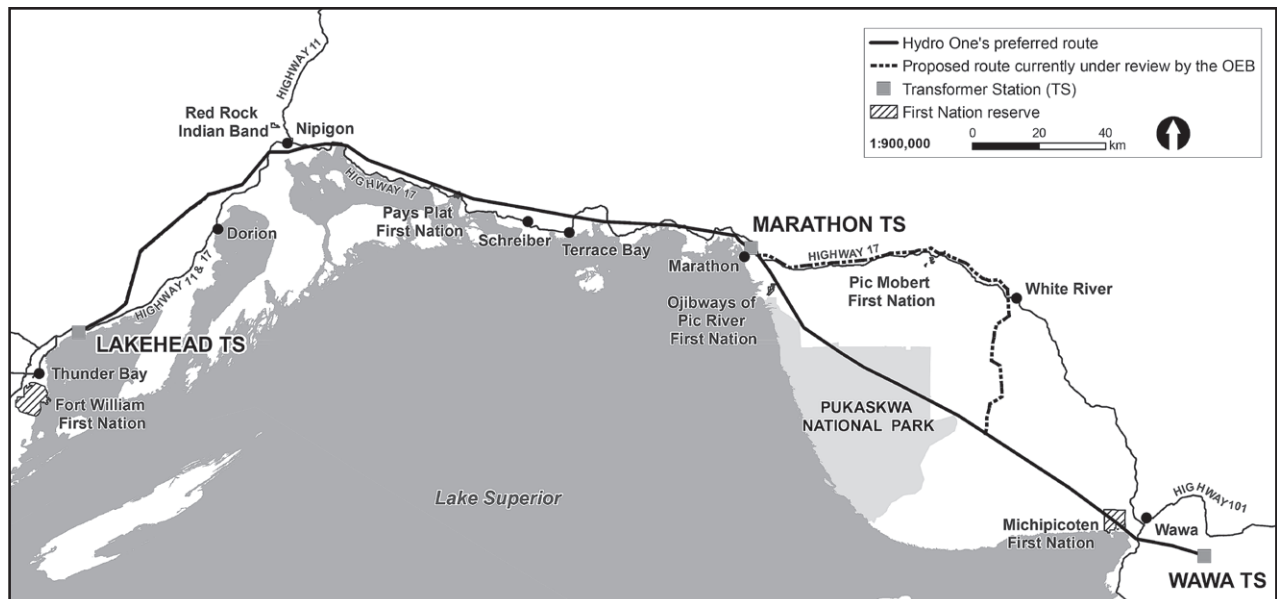
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HYDRO ONE'S LAKE SUPERIOR LINK TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Powering Northern Ontario

Hydro One has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval to construct a new transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and Wawa TS, as shown on the map. We're calling our proposed project the **Lake Superior Link**. This 400 kilometre, double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line would primarily be built on or adjacent to Hydro One's existing East-West Tie transmission corridor. Within Pukaskwa National Park, the existing line would be upgraded without widening the corridor.



Ensuring a reliable, cost-effective supply of power

Since 2010, the Ontario government's Long-Term Energy Plan has identified the need for an additional East-West Tie line to meet future electricity needs in northwestern Ontario. In 2013, the OEB awarded development phase work to another proponent. The OEB will review alternative proposals for the construction phase and approve a proposal and a proponent to build and operate the new transmission line. By maximizing existing infrastructure, Hydro One's proposed transmission line is the most cost-effective solution for Ontario electricity customers and it also minimizes environmental impacts.

Community Engagement

Hydro One will be reaching out to communities in the project area to discuss its proposal. Hydro One's approach to community engagement will ensure that this project provides tangible benefits.

For more information

Please contact us to learn more about the project and upcoming events:

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