

# Notice of completion of draft Environmental Study Report and upcoming community open house

## North Shore Link project

May 2026

Hydro One has completed the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Now, you're invited to provide feedback.

Long-term electricity demand in Ontario is increasing. To meet the increased need, Hydro One will build the proposed North Shore Link project, a new double-circuit, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Mississagi Transformer Station (TS) located near Wharnccliffe, and Third Line TS located in Sault Ste. Marie. The project involves work at the stations to connect the new transmission line, including an expansion at Mississagi TS. In addition, to support the overall operation of the transmission system, an expansion at Algoma TS, located east of Algoma Mills, will be required to accommodate additional station equipment.

The North Shore Link project was identified as part of the Independent Electricity System Operator's plans to address future growth in the region. The project will follow Hydro One's industry-leading First Nation Equity Partnership Model and offer proximate First Nations the opportunity to invest in a 50 per cent equity stake in the transmission line component of the project. Once built, the North Shore Link will strengthen the connection between the northeast and the northwest and improve the overall resiliency of the northern Ontario transmission system.

As part of the Class EA, Hydro One has evaluated route alternatives, selected a preferred route, assessed the potential environmental effects and identified mitigation measures. Engagement with community members and Indigenous communities will continue throughout the lifecycle of the project. For more information on the project and the Class EA process, please visit [HydroOne.com/NSL](https://HydroOne.com/NSL).

## We want to hear from you

The draft ESR and highlights documents are available for a public review and comment period from Monday, May 11 to Friday, June 12. The report summarizes the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved **Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities** (2024) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*. The report can be viewed electronically on Hydro One's website at [HydroOne.com/NSL](https://HydroOne.com/NSL). Hard copies are also available for sign out and/or pick up at the following locations, pending operating hours:

- James L. McIntyre Centennial Library - 50 East Street, Sault Ste. Marie P6A 3C3
- Searchmont Community Centre - 734 Hwy 532, Searchmont POS 1J0
- Thessalon Public Library - 187 Main Street, Thessalon POR 1L0

Written comments or questions on the draft ESR must be received by Hydro One no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 12**, addressed to:

Andrew Roberts, Manager, Environmental Services, Hydro One Networks Inc.,  
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Phone: **1-877-345-6799** (Community Relations hotline)  
Email: [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com)



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Hydro One invites you to attend our community open house sessions to learn more about the draft ESR, share your feedback and discuss any questions with the project team:

**Sault Ste. Marie**  
**Wednesday, May 20**  
from 4 to 7 p.m.  
Water Tower Inn,  
360 Great Northern Road  
P6B 4Z7

**Searchmont**  
**Thursday, May 21**  
from 4 to 7 p.m.  
Searchmont Community  
Centre, 734 Hwy 532  
POS 1J0

**Wharnccliffe**  
**Thursday, May 21**  
from 4 to 7 p.m.  
Wharnccliffe Community  
Centre, 4847 ON-129  
POR 1L0



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All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of the available public record unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

Hydro One welcomes your feedback. We will review and address all concerns brought to our attention before finalizing and submitting the ESR to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The project will then be considered acceptable and may proceed as outlined in the ESR.

A request may be made to the MECP for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. a Comprehensive EA approval) or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies) before the project can proceed. However, this request can only be made on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Indigenous and treaty rights. The MECP will not consider requests on other grounds.

Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name, and specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or Comprehensive EA); how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Indigenous and treaty rights; and any information in support of the statements in the request.

Requests should also be copied to Hydro One per contact information provided above. Please visit the Ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order>

If no Section 16 Order requests are submitted during the comment period, Hydro One will proceed with the project.



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The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

**Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**

777 Bay Street, 5th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Email: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

**Director, Environmental Assessment Branch**

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