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April 4, 2018

Mayor Al Strathdee  
Town of St. Mary's  
175 Queen Street East  
St. Mary's, ON N4X 1B6

**Re: Wood Pole Replacement on the 115 kilovolt Transmission Structures (Circuit L7S) located in your community**

Dear Mayor Strathdee,

I am writing to notify you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to replace one wood pole structure along the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit L7S) in your community. The project area is shown on the attached map.

This project was identified through Hydro One's annual wood pole replacement program as some of the wood pole structures on the circuit have reached their end-of-life. Replacing damaged and aging structures would ensure the continued reliability and integrity of this transmission line and electricity supply to the area. Most work would be carried out within the existing transmission corridor, with no new corridor being required. Where possible, access would be accomplished using existing roads and trails. There would be very little noticeable difference in this transmission line after the project has been completed.

This type of project is considered routine maintenance work, and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined planning process that has proven effective in ensuring that minor transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. The Class EA process contains screening provisions that may apply to this project.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA and outage availabilities, the replacement of this wood pole structure may begin as early as the end of April 2018, and be completed within the year as this is priority work.

Hydro One has notified First Nations and Métis communities of the Class EA and the project; we will also be notifying property owners adjacent to the work areas. We welcome your comments and feedback regarding the proposed project. Your input for this project is valued, and would be appreciated by April 23, 2018.

As per the request of the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, information regarding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* is included and can be viewed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Christie".

Craig Christie, Community Relations Officer  
Hydro One Networks Inc.

Enclosed (1)

cc: Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk, Town of St. Mary's

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Existing Structure

Structure to be Replaced

Structure to be Refurbished

Junction

115 kV Transmission Line

Municipal Boundary

Railway

Watercourse

**Circuit L7S - Priority Wood Pole Replacement:  
General Area Map**

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