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October 5, 2018

The Hon. Rod Phillips Minister
Ministry of the Environment,
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Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Minister Phillips and Ontario Energy Board Secretary,

I received a copy of the enclosed letter from Reeve Ed Chambers and the Council of the Township of Dorion, as sent to MECP Special Project Officer Antonia Testa, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch. The letter contains formal comments from the Township of Dorion regarding Hydro One's terms of reference regarding their plans for the Lake Superior Link. Also enclosed is a May 20, 2014 Dorion Council resolution declaring that 'no new transmission lines be located by any party within the Township boundaries.'

The letter and resolution have also been copied to Steven Mantifel, Manager, Special Projects, Hydro One. The Dorion concern arises from studies for a new Reference Route Alternative which would enter Township boundaries and affect landowners. Council has deemed previous 'preferred routes' as defined by both Nextbridge and Hydro One as acceptable in the 'Dorion Bypass' section, but assert strong opposition to the 'Route Alternative.'

As MPP for Thunder Bay-Superior North, I will respectfully support Dorion Council's formal comments to the Ministry, and state my support for the related 2014 resolution which ask for planned transmission lines to be routed outside of Township boundaries. I will also respectfully ask that my support as MPP be noted as a formal comment on the Lake Superior Link project by the MECP Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, and by the Ontario Energy Board.

Yours, sincerely,

Michael Gravelle, MPP
Thunder Bay-Superior North

cc enc Antonia Testa Special Project Officer
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cc Mr. Ed Chambers Reeve
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Subject: FW: ToR - Hydro One LSL Transmission Project EA - TWP OF DORION Comment Submission
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From: Mavis <mavis@doriontownship.ca>
Sent: October 5, 2018 11:53 AM
To: Gravelle-CO, Michael <mgravelle.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>
Subject: ToR - Hydro One LSL Transmission Project EA - TWP OF DORION Comment Submission

Good Morning Michael:

Attached please find a letter that has been submitted by Reeve Ed Chambers, Township of Dorion with respect to the public and agency comment period for the Terms of Reference (ToR) for Hydro One Network Inc.'s proposed Lake Superior Link Transmission Project Environmental Assessment.

Best Regards,

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Antonia Testa
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135 St. Clair Avenue West
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Email: Antonia.Testa@ontario.ca

Dear Antonia,

Re: **Formal Comments from the Township of Dorion regarding Hydro One's Terms of Reference [ToR]**

Council has had the opportunity to review Hydro One's Terms of Reference on Hydro One's Lake Superior Link Project website and also the hard copy of the document, which was delivered to the Dorion Township Office.

Following are comments related to our review:

1. Dorion Council and a committee appointed by Council, the Dorion Concerned Citizens Committee [DCCC], met several times over the past four years with Nextbridge to agree upon a route [The "Dorion Bypass"] that would have minimal impact on our community, compared to a line parallel to an existing line, which would have a negative impact on our residential and agriculture area.
2. We are pleased that Hydro One's preferred route follows the route that the Township and Nextbridge agreed upon.
3. We are concerned that the line paralleling the existing line through our community is now being studied as a new Reference Route Alternative. This would negatively affect at least 22 landowners and will put our residents at risk.
4. We have attached a 2014 municipal resolution outlining the reasons why we do not want a transmission line going through our community.
5. In summary, the Reference Route is acceptable to the affected property owners and the Dorion Council, not only for the present but for the long term; the Reference Route Alternative is not.

Yours truly,

Ed Chambers, Reeve

Attach.

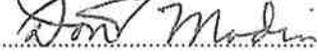
Cc: Steven Mantifel, Manager Special Project ~ Hydro One
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Date: May 20, 2014

Resolution No. 14-096

Moved by 

Seconded by 

WHEREAS Dorion Township already has several corridors within its boundaries affecting residential areas, including four [4] major Electric Power Transmission Lines, the TransCanada Pipeline, the CPR railway, the Trans Canada Highway, and a proposed 4-lane Highway; and

WHEREAS Dorion property owners who currently have transmission lines already on their property, in the past were compelled by notice of expropriation, to consent to easement over their properties; and

WHEREAS Dorion property owners whose lands are traversed for Transmission Lines were compelled to accept restricted usages of their lands; and

WHEREAS Dorion property owners have identified increased nuisance and trespass violations on their properties as a result of the presence of Transmission Lines; and

WHEREAS Dorion property owners have recognized considerable negative impact on the enjoyment and market value of their property as a result of the presence of Transmission Lines; and

WHEREAS Dorion property owners have not realized any significant taxation assessment reduction related to the negative impact of Transmission Lines; and

WHEREAS Dorion Township has not received any compensatory payments, taxes, or payments in lieu of taxes for the location and continuing operation of Transmission Lines within the Township; and

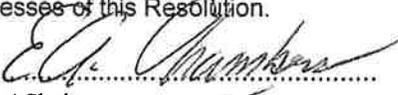
WHEREAS Dorion Township Council and property owners recognize substantial detrimental impacts that the existing Transmission Lines present to effective planning and preferential development opportunities within the Township; and

WHEREAS Dorion Township Council and property owners recognize the need to promote and develop business and ecotourism opportunities that embrace the natural assets, qualities, and distinctions of the Township; and

WHEREAS Dorion Township Council and property owners believe that the proposed additional Transmission Line within Township boundaries presents further negative encroachment and environmental despoliation of the natural assets, contrary to our community's current and future economic and social interests; and

THAT the Township of Dorion hereby declares that no new Transmission Lines be located by any party within the Township boundaries and furthermore;

THAT the Dorion Township Council inform the Ontario Government, neighboring municipalities and First Nations, various Government Ministries, Crown Corporations, regulatory agencies, and private sector businesses of this Resolution.

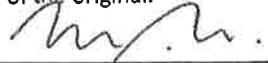
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Reeve / Chair

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Clerk-Treasurer