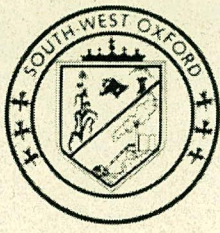


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ATTENTION: ~~Peter H. O'Dell~~, Assistant Board Secretary

RE: Woodstock Area Transmissions Reinforcement Project
Board File No. EB-2007-0027

Dear Sir:

This letter is a follow-up to a letter previously sent to the Board dated April 24, 2007, (copy attached).

The Township is very disappointed with the approach Hydro One is taking in this matter. Hydro One representatives indicated that they appreciate the Township's concerns, however, we see no indication that Hydro One is making an effort to investigate the possibility of relocating the proposed new transmission line off of Karn Road.

The Township is advised that Hydro One attempts to make the best use of existing right-of-way before seeking approval for new transmission corridors. We are talking about an existing right-of-way that overlaps half-way across a 66 ft. wide road allowance. Surely the policy of making best use of existing rights-of-way was intended to apply to transmission corridors dedicated primarily, if not exclusively to hydro transmission lines, not a shared use on a 66 ft. wide road allowance.


The existing right-of-way is a 96 year old right-of-way established in a horse-and-buggy era when the largest vehicle using the road allowance would have been a steam engine drawing a threshing machine at a maximum speed of less than 5 miles per hour, during the harvest season.

The nature of volume and speed of the traffic using Karn Road and traffic safety factors are much different from what they were nearly 100 years ago. The road should be up-graded to accommodate this traffic and given the hilly nature of the terrain, the entire unobstructed 66 ft. width of roadway is needed for this.

Property owners along Karn Road have indicated to the Township that they would like to see the new transmission towers located off the road allowance.

The Township has no difficulty in finding a convincing rationale for moving the right-of-way for the proposed transmission line off of Karn Road.

Yours Truly



Allen Forrester
Clerk-Treasurer Administrator
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