

EB-2024-0155 : 1 : Quinn Ross

COST CLAIM NUMBER 2428	SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE December 17, 2024	CLAIM STATUS Approved by Finance
EB# EB-2024-0155: Facilities: Leave to Construct (New): Hydro One Networks Inc.	OTHER EB#S	PHASE #* 1
INTERVENOR Ross, Quinn; +1 (519) 524-5532 qmross@rossfirm.com	INTERVENOR COMPANY* The Ross Firm Professional Corporation, Goderich: Corporation	INTERVENOR TYPE Other
HST RATE ONTARIO 13.00	EXCHANGE RATE	COUNTRY Canada
HST NUMBER 834918013 RT0001	LATE SUBMISSION ALLOWED No	EXTENSION DEADLINE DATE

PARTICIPANTS

			Total (\$)	Total Hours	Participant Claim Status
New	Non-Filing Participant First, Last Name	Filing Participant			
No	,	Ross, Quinn; +1 (519) 524-5532 qmross@rossfirm.com	21,255.30	57.00	Submitted
Yes	Dunya , Baroudi-Ginn		565.00	5.00	Submitted
Yes	Lara , Merjane		3,604.70	11.00	Submitted

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment	Document Type	Import Message
EB-2024-0155_RFG_Cost Submissions_Confidential.pdf	Other	Cost Submissions
Office Invoice OEB.pdf	Time Docket and Invoice	
ROSS EB-2024-0155 Cost Claim 121320241129.pdf		

TOTAL LEGAL/CONSULTANT/OTHER FEES 22,500.00	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 0.00	TOTAL HST 2,925.00
TOTAL CLAIM 25,425.00	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED	
TOTAL HOURS CLAIMED 73.00	TOTAL HOURS DISALLOWED	
REASON FOR DISALLOWANCE	REASON FOR DISALLOWANCE - 2	REASON FOR DISALLOWANCE - 3

MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO
The Ross Firm Professional Corporaiton

SEND PAYMENT TO ADDRESS 144 Courthouse Square Suite 100 Goderich, ON N7A1M9	ATTENTION
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SUBMIT SECTION

I am a representative of the Party. I have examined all of the documentation in support of this cost claim. The costs incurred and time spent are directly related to the Party's participation in the OEB Process referred to above.

This cost claim does not include any costs for work done, or time spent, by a person that is an employee or officer of the Party as described in section 6.05 and 6.09 of the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

The information (fees and disbursements) filed in this cost claim is complete and accurate and in accordance with the OEB's Practice Direction for Cost Awards and Appendix A, the Cost Awards Tariff.

SUBMITTED BY Quinn Ross	DATE SUBMITTED December 13, 2024
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FILING PARTICIPANT Ross, Quinn; +1 (519) 524-5532 qmross@rossfirm.com	NEW PARTICIPANT No	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT F. NAME	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT L. NAME
SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE* Legal Counsel	YEAR CALLED TO BAR* 2005	COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE* 20	HOURLY RATE 330
HST RATE CHARGED* 13.00	CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Attached	LAST CV DATE December 13, 2024	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 834918013 RT0001	HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No

HEARINGS

Hearings Hours	Hearings Subtotal (\$)	Hearings Total Tax (\$)	Hearings Total (\$)
57.00	18,810.00	2,445.30	21,255.30

Name	Hours	Hourly Rate	Sub Total	HST Rate	HST	Total
DISCOVERY						
Read and Research Application and Evidence	25.60	330	8,448.00	13.00	1,098.24	9,546.24
Preparation of Interrogatories	8.30	330	2,739.00	13.00	356.07	3,095.07
Review Interrogatory Responses		330		13.00		
Technical Conference Preparation		330		13.00		
Technical Conference Attendance		330		13.00		
Technical Conference Follow-up		330		13.00		
Subtotal of DISCOVERY	33.90		11,187.00		1,454.31	12,641.31
PROCEDURAL						
Preparation of Issues List Submission		330		13.00		
Attendance at Issues List Conference		330		13.00		
Preparation for a Confidentiality Request	1.00	330	330.00	13.00	42.90	372.90
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality		330		13.00		
Preparation of Motion(s) Materials		330		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on the Motion(s)		330		13.00		
Attendance at Hearing on Motion(s)		330		13.00		
Review Procedural Documents	1.30	330	429.00	13.00	55.77	484.77

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Subtotal of PROCEDURAL	2.30		759.00		98.67	857.67
INTERVENOR EVIDENCE						
Preparation of Intervenor Evidence		330		13.00		
Interrogatory Responses		330		13.00		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		330		13.00		
Subtotal of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE						
Preparation for Settlement Conference		330		13.00		
Attendance at Settlement Conference		330		13.00		
Preparation of Settlement Proposal		330		13.00		
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		330		13.00		
Subtotal of SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
WRITTEN ARGUMENT						
Written Submissions	17.80	330	5,874.00	13.00	763.62	6,637.62
Subtotal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT	17.80		5,874.00		763.62	6,637.62
ORAL ARGUMENT						
Preparation for Oral Hearing		330		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		330		13.00		
Oral Submissions		330		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		330		13.00		
Subtotal of ORAL ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
DECISION						
Review Decision	3.00	330	990.00	13.00	128.70	1,118.70
Review Rate/Accounting Order		330		13.00		
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		330		13.00		
Subtotal of DECISION	3.00		990.00		128.70	1,118.70
OTHER						
Other Attendance (e.g., Intervenor Conferences)		330		13.00		
Subtotal of OTHER	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES						
Total Service Provider Fees	57.00		18,810.00		2,445.30	21,255.30

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**Curriculum Vitae
Quinn Martin Ross, J.D.**

Canada's 25 Most Influential Lawyers – Changemaker Category.

SKILLS:

Exceptionally strong written and spoken language skills. Very strong understanding of legal issues, procedural processes and strategic planning. Highly analytical mind capable of quick and complex views of issues from several competing perspectives.

WORK HISTORY:

2004 - Present – The Ross Firm Professional Corporation (GODERICH, STRATFORD, KINCARDINE, PORT ELGIN, OWEN SOUND & WALKERTON, ON)

2013- Present - Managing Lawyer/CEO

- Work collaboratively with professional and administrative staff to ensure excellence in practice, minimize enterprise risk and take advantage of changes in the legal marketplace.
- Mentor and oversee mentorship of young lawyers to ensure they develop domain expertise and an understanding of and participation in the firm ethos of social service.
- Manage six-location, tri-county, full-service litigation and solicitor firm.
- Practice Corporate/Commercial & Real Property.

May 2021 – Present - Bencher, Law Society of Ontario

- One of 40 lawyers and 5 Paralegals, serving as an elected Bencher. LSO Benchers regulate the over 57,000 Ontario lawyers and nearly 10,000 paralegals in Ontario, in the public interest.

September 2017-September 2018 – The Ontario Bar Association (TORONTO, ON)

President

- Chaired the Board and Council of the Ontario Bar Association, representing 15,000 lawyers, judges and law students.
- Acted as the public voice of the Association, including in the media and at conferences and other large events.
- Engaged in policy development and advocacy with governments, regulators and sector partners, including the Ministry of the Attorney General, The Law Society of Ontario, The Uniform Law Conference of Canada, The Advocates Society, Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, South Asian Bar Association and the Federation of Asian Canadian

Lawyers.

- Developed and led province-wide initiatives in the areas of innovation in the legal sector, and equality, diversity and inclusion within the profession and the organization.
- Oversaw the governance and financial landscape of the organization.

2008-2013 – Lawyer and Shareholder

- Practiced in Administrative, Civil Litigation, Corporate/Commercial, Real Estate and Wills & Estates.
- Represented clients at The Landlord and Tenant Board, Ontario Municipal Board, To Ontario Energy Board at all levels of Ontario Court.

2005-2008 – Associate Lawyer

- Practiced in Administrative, Matrimonial, Civil and Criminal law, Real Property, Wills & Estates.
- Represented clients at The Landlord and Tenant Board, Ontario Municipal Board, To Ontario Energy Board at all levels of Ontario Court.

2004-2005 - Articling Student

Practice Highlights:

- Currently representing largest consortium of landowners in the regulatory and land expropriation component of 100 million dollar St. Clair energy-infrastructure project.
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- Currently representing largest consortium of landowners in the regulatory and land expropriation component of 150 million dollar Chatham to Lakeshore energy-infrastructure project.
- Acted as outside General Counsel and transaction counsel from start up to acquisition of cloud based robotic process automation company, resulting in a initial capitalization of 1.75 million dollars to an acquisition price of 75 million dollars in 2 years.
- Developed and supported cost sharing and amalgamation plans for multiple LHIN supported service providers in two sectors both within the SWLHIN and provincially.
- Brought together and represented the largest consortium of landowners in the land-expropriation element of a \$1 billion energy-infrastructure project.
EB2007-0050 & EB2007-0051.
- Clarified the law with respect to incorporeal hereditaments and positive covenants concerning the ability to annex positive covenants to the land in rem.
Lohse v. Fleming, 2008 ONCA 307
- Lead the development, negotiation and completion of a large aviation refurbishment and VIP modification business sale; bringing together parties from 4 countries and leading the

overall legal process among party lawyers from a transactional and regulatory perspective.

- Developed the creation and registration of aerodrome lands after completing complex purchase from the Ontario Realty Corp.

Management Highlights:

- Initiated and led the development and roll out of a 4 day work week in all offices.
- Initiated and led the development and roll out of a Defined Benefit Pension Plan for all staff and licensees.
- Initiated and led the development and roll out of a fully hybrid, remote and in office work flow for all offices.
- Initiated and led the expansion of the firm to six successful full-service offices.
- Led marketing initiatives including modernization of the firm's brand and client development strategy.
- Initiated and led migration to a comprehensive practice management system to optimize workflow, frictionless client experience and data security.
- Developed first paperless real estate practice in Ontario based on a timely awareness and understanding of changes to e-commerce legislation.
- Developed comprehensive Wills & Power of Attorney Database integrated with Will preparation software to ensure Wills and Powers of Attorney are up to date and clients are kept informed of changes in the law that may affect their estates.

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS:

2001-2004 Western University, Faculty of Law

Juris Doctor

1999-2001 Western University

Scholars Electives

RECENT PROJECT LEADERSHIP:

Law Society of Ontario's Futures Committee

Initiated and chaired a committee focused on preparing the legal profession for future challenges and innovations. Components included:

- Conducting comprehensive research on emerging technologies and trends to inform a forward-thinking strategy for the legal profession in Ontario.
- Developing and advocating for policy changes that facilitate innovation while ensuring the profession remains accessible and adaptable to change.

- Leading stakeholder engagement through workshops and forums to collect diverse insights and promote a collective vision for the future.
- Creating educational resources and programs to equip legal professionals with the necessary knowledge and skills for the evolving legal landscape.
- Advocating for flexible regulatory frameworks to support responsible innovation, maintaining the profession's integrity and commitment to public service.
- **Whitepaper on Generative AI:** Developed a comprehensive whitepaper addressing the integration and ethical considerations of Gen AI in the legal space, guiding the profession towards responsible and innovative use of AI technologies.

Work Time Reduction Center of Excellence Advisory Group (WTR-CoE)

Selected as a member of an elite international advisory group consisting of global experts and pioneers in the shorter working week movement. Responsibilities and contributions include:

- Providing expert guidance and strategic advice to support specific WTR-CoE projects and initiatives, leveraging my experience in legal and corporate governance to foster innovative work-time reduction strategies.
- Contributing to the advancement of WTR-CoE's mission to transform the world of work by advocating for evidence-based policies and practices that promote work-life balance, employee well-being, and productivity.
- Collaborating with a diverse group of international experts to share knowledge, best practices, and research findings, helping to build a global consensus on the benefits of shorter working weeks.
- Participating in think tanks and workshops to develop actionable strategies that organizations can implement to transition towards more flexible and reduced work schedules.
- Acting as a spokesperson for the WTR-CoE, raising awareness about the importance of work time reduction in creating sustainable and humane working environments for the future.

OBA Diversity Initiative

Initiated and led a project to improve equality, diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. Components included:

- A five-part *Inclusive Leader* professional development series.
- A partnership program to strengthen the connection between the organization and the diversity associations within the justice sector.
- Advocacy to ensure inclusive regulation of the profession.

OBA Innovator in Residence Program

Initiated and led the development of an annual program to help shape the future of client service and provide the knowledge and skills necessary to support the bar through rapid change. Components include:

- Choosing the focus and innovator for the inaugural year.
- Developing and executing a communication plan.
- Developing information services, training and other tools for the profession.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS:

2022-Present – Work Time Reduction Centre of Excellence

Expert Panel Member

Consulting and development of global work efficiency and reduction strategies.

2022-Present – Canadian Lawyer Magazine

Editorial Board Member

2021-Present – Law Society of Ontario

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Member of the board of directors for the LSO

- Chair Futures Committee
- Adjudicator, Law Society Tribunal
- Appellate Adjudicator, Law Society Tribunal
- Tribunal Reform Working Group
- Bylaw 9 Working Group
- Professional Regulation Committee

2017-2018 – The Ontario Bar Association

President

Chair of the Board of Directors and ex officio member of all committees of the board.

2016-2017 – The Ontario Bar Association

1st Vice President

Chair - Strategic Planning & Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

Member Nominating Sub-Committee

2015 – 2016 - The Ontario Bar Association

2nd Vice President

Chair Governance Committee

Chair Technology and Practice Innovation Committee

Chair Working Group on Alternative Business Structures

Past Vice Chair Finance Committee

Past Chair Access to Justice Committee

Member of the Task Force on Non-Professional Shareholders in Professional Corporations

Member of the Professional Development Committee

Member of the Law Practice Program Committee

2013 – 2015 – Alzheimer Society of Huron County

President of the Board of Directors

Chair of the Human Resources Committee

Chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee

Member of the Executive Committee

Chair of the Policy Committee

2013 – 2015 - Ontario Bar Association

Secretary of the Board of Directors

Chair Working Group on Alternative Business Structures

Vice Chair Finance Committee Member of the Law Practice Program Committee
 Chair Access to Justice Committee
 Member of the Task Force on Non-Professional Shareholders in Professional Corporations
 Member of the Professional Development Committee
 Member of the HR Committee
 Member of the Awards Committee

2011 – 2013 - Ontario Bar Association

South West Region Director on the Board

Member of the Board of Directors.
 Member of the Law Practice Program Committee
 Member of the Task Force on Non-Professional Shareholders in Professional Corporations
 Member of the Professional Development Committee
 Member of the HR Committee
 Member of the Awards Committee

2010 – 2013 - Alzheimer's Society of Huron County

Vice President of the Board of Directors

Chair of the Human Resources Committee
 Chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee
 Member of the Executive Committee
 Member of the Policy Committee

2010-2015 – Alzheimer's Society of Ontario

Leadership Forum Governor

Assisted in the development of the provincial strategic plan.
 Undertook structural review of provincial federation.
 Assisted in the drafting and negotiation of the provincial federation contract.

2007 – 2008 - Huron Perth Community Legal Clinic

Chair of the Board of Directors

Oversaw governance of Legal Aid Clinic, handling Landlord Tenant, ODSP, CPP, EI and Small Claims Matters.

MAJOR PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES

-2019-Pesent

- “Disruptive Technology: AI and its impact on the legal profession and the automotive industry – what path(s) for regulation?”
 - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9k2qZaaSXynZrIWGmFM_HqX3zBmY1FE3
 - University of Windsor - EPICentre
- How Law Firms Can Challenge Status Quo to Better Support Mental Health
 - County of Carleton Law Association panel with Justice Strathy
- Making Your Workplace Work: Accessible Tools to Increase Productivity, Wellness and Your Bottom Line

- CBA BC
- Keynote Speaker
 - Western Law Induction Ceremony

Podcasts regarding Professional Services Industry and innovation within that space XL Legal

- XL Legal
 - Humanizing the Practice of Law with Quinn Ross
 - <https://player.fm/series/xl-legal/humanizing-the-practice-of-law-with-quinn-ross>
- The Happy Lawyer Podcast
 - <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/out-with-the-old-in-with-the-new-with-quinn-ross/id1513076197?i=1000507654794>
- Building New Law
 - <https://www.countertax.ca/bnlpodcast/s04e01-quinn-ross-0>
- Work that Works
 - <https://open.spotify.com/show/1wwXie1UDUvxyLViUvjYCd>
- PCLaw Time Matters
 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/zg4ke0lx1wyt9a8/Quinn%20Ross%20Insight%20Session%20June%2014%202021.mp4?dl=0>

-2018-

Ontario Bar Association
Reinventing Law Firms
Speaker

focusing on the heart of every law firm – the human element – to increase quality, value, and retention.

November 8, 2018

Ontario Bar Association
Comparing Cloud Practice Management Software
Speaker

Discussion of how to assess available systems, transition planning, change management and post migration iteration.

November 8, 2018

Law Society of Ontario
Challenges Faced By Racialized Licensees Recommendations Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative
Speaker

The comparative realities of the racialized and non-racialized lawyer.

Published on Jun 27, 2018

Ontario Bar Association and Law Society of Ontario
Policy and Regulatory Guide to the Statement of Principles

Speaker

Nature, impact and intent of the Law Society Statement of Principles.
February 2018

-2017-

Round Table of Diversity Associations

3rd Annual Diversity Conference

Speaker

The roll of the diverse lawyer and the professions obligations to better itself.
November 27, 2017

County of Carleton Law Association

38th Civil Litigation Updated Conference

Speaker

Bar Fights: Professionalism Panel – Referral Fees, The Future of Licensing and The Statement of Principles.

November 17, 2018

Hamilton Law Association

The Profession and the Social Contract

Speaker

Lawyers as stewards of the rule of law and advocates in the face of the exercise of state power.
May 17th, 2017

-2015-

Ontario Bar Association

Enterprising Lawyer Series

Segment Chair & Speaker

Developing a Business Plan and Determining Your Business Structure

October 20, 2015

Ontario Bar Association

Annual Legal Institute

Program Chair & Speaker

Disasters in real property practice: tools and strategies for effectively managing the unexpected.

February 4, 2015.

-2014-

Ontario Bar Association

TechXPO 2.0

Speaker

60 Technology and Practice Management Tips in 60 Minutes

-and-

A Day in the Life of an iPad Lawyer

October 23, 2014

University of Toronto - Centre for the Legal Profession

The Great Debate

Speaker

Are Alternative Business Structures (ABS) a genuine threat to the future practice of law?

October 28, 2014

-2013-

Law Society of Upper Canada

Solo and Small Firm Conference

Speaker

50 apps in 50 minutes

May 24, 2013

St. Clair Transmission Line Project Expropriation
200 Hanlon Creek Boulevard
GUELPH, ON N1C 0A1

Invoice Date: 13 December 2024
Invoice No: 24907
Due Date: 12 January 2025

Matter: 2023-41572 - HONI - Land Acquisition (Expropriation) - Regulatory- St. Clair

Professional Fees

Date	Description	Lawyer	Hours	Rate	Amount
2023/10/05	Meeting with Alex and Meryam to discuss allowance agreement, early access agreement, timelines for future agreements and next steps	LM	1.60	\$290.00	\$464.00
2024/06/22	To review OEB Letter of Direction to HONI. RE: Title Search etc.	QMR	0.40	\$330.00	\$132.00
2024/06/22	To review Notice of Hearing and to preparing letter to landowner group regarding same.	QMR	1.70	\$330.00	\$561.00
2024/07/03	To prepare TRF Motion and send to Q. Ross for review and revision.	DB	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
2024/07/09	To drafting intervenor letter to the OEB.	QMR	2.30	\$330.00	\$759.00
2024/07/09	To further review and revision of letter of intervention to OEB.	DB	0.50	\$100.00	\$50.00
2024/07/09	To submit Letter of Intervention to the OEB with respect to Leave to Construct Application.	DB	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00
2024/07/09	Email to landowner group advising HONI has made application to OEB re Leave to Construct and provide letter of intervention	DB	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
2024/07/09	To update client site with OEB letter of intervention and correspondence to landowners regarding HONI Application re Leave to Construct	DB	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
2024/07/09	To confirm current OEB Board Secretary for delivery of letter of intervention.	DB	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00
2024/07/09	Incoming correspondence from Dunya with letter to landowners and HONI regarding application for leave to construct; review of same	LM	0.30	\$290.00	\$87.00
2024/07/10	Incoming correspondence from Dunya with revised letter regarding application for leave to construct	LM	0.20	\$290.00	\$58.00
2024/07/11	To call OEB and confirm letter of intervention was received.	DB	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00
2024/07/11	To review HONI Affidavit of Service dated July 9, 2024.	QMR	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
2024/07/11	To review intervention form of K. Jakubec.	QMR	0.50	\$330.00	\$165.00
2024/07/13	To review letter of comment of H. Knight.	QMR	0.20	\$330.00	\$66.00
2024/07/18	To review Enbridge letter of Intervention. To review previous Enbridge intervention cases for relevance to instant proceedings.	QMR	1.50	\$330.00	\$495.00
2024/07/20	To review H. Gauthier Letter of Comment.	QMR	0.20	\$330.00	\$66.00
2024/07/20	To review IESO letter of intervention and listed cases for relevance to current proceeding.	QMR	0.90	\$330.00	\$297.00

2024/07/24	To review HONI submissions in response to intervenor request. To communicate same with explanation to client group.	QMR	2.10	\$330.00	\$693.00
2024/07/27	To review Siskinds Intervenor request, K. Webber letter of comment, HONI reposne to Intervenor requests and objections, Vector intervenor request.	QMR	2.20	\$330.00	\$726.00
2024/08/01	To receive and Procedural Order No. 1 and organize same to file and to provide copy of same as update to landowner group.	DB	0.60	\$100.00	\$60.00
2024/08/01	To receive and review Procedural Order No.1	QMR	0.30	\$330.00	\$99.00
2024/08/02	Review of Procedural Order No. 1; several communication with Q. Ross, D. Baroudi-Ginn and E. Cohen regarding same; several correspondence with G. Nettleton concerning timelines for submissions	LM	0.50	\$290.00	\$145.00
2024/08/03	Several communication with D. Laundry and E. Cohen regarding extensions of deadlines; review of PO1 to draft motion; draft motion to extend deadlines; correspondence with D. Laundry and E. Cohen regarding same; incoming correspondence from D. Laundry with Q. Ross' instructions with respect to motion	LM	2.30	\$290.00	\$667.00
2024/08/05	To begin review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.20	\$330.00	\$1,056.00
2024/08/09	To continue review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.20	\$330.00	\$1,056.00
2024/08/12	To continue review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.20	\$330.00	\$1,056.00
2024/08/13	Review of PO No.1; review of Application; draft of interrogatories; correspondence with Quinn to provide same for review	LM	4.50	\$290.00	\$1,305.00
2024/08/13	To continue review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.00	\$330.00	\$990.00
2024/08/13	To further review of evidence. To preparing written interrogatories in response to HONI Leave to Construct Application for submission.	QMR	4.40	\$330.00	\$1,452.00
2024/08/19	To review written interrogatories re HONI leave to construct application prior to submission for accuracy; To submit written interrogatories through OEB online portal and to provide same via email to all necessary parties; And to provide copy to landowner group as general update.	DB	1.70	\$100.00	\$170.00
2024/08/19	To meeting with landowner group representatives regarding interrogatories and to receive instructions regarding same.	QMR	3.90	\$330.00	\$1,287.00
2024/09/04	To review HONI request RE: Confidentiality and to communicate same to landowner group.	QMR	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
2024/09/23	To review Procedural Order 2 and to prepare communication to landowner group.	QMR	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
2024/10/07	To review evidence, interrogatories and relevant law. To commence preparing written submissions in s.92 Application.	QMR	4.00	\$330.00	\$1,320.00
2024/10/07	To meeting with landowner group representatives to review plan for submissions and to receive instructions regarding same.	QMR	3.70	\$330.00	\$1,221.00
2024/10/08	To review QMR written submissions for completeness and revise accordingly prior to filing deadline. To submit written submissions through OEB online filing portal. To email copy of written submissions to necessary parties.	DB	1.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2024/10/08	To continue preparing written submissions in S.92 Application to completion.	QMR	4.00	\$330.00	\$1,320.00

2024/10/08	Incoming correspondence from Quinn with draft submissions; review and revisions of same; review of easement agreement to revise submissions; correspondence with Dunya and Quinn to provide revised submissions; incoming correspondence from Siskinds and OEB Staff with submissions; review of same	LM	1.60	\$290.00	\$464.00
2024/10/12	To review submissions of K. Jakubec, OEB, Siskinds	QMR	4.40	\$330.00	\$1,452.00
2024/10/22	To review HONI reply submissions.	QMR	1.70	\$330.00	\$561.00
2024/12/10	To review decision and order. To prepare correspondence to landowner group regarding same.	QMR	3.00	\$330.00	\$990.00
			73.00		\$22,500.00

Fees:	\$22,500.00
Disbursements:	\$0.00
HST @13%:	\$2,925.00
Invoice Total (including Tax):	\$25,425.00
Transferred from Trust:	\$0.00
Outstanding Balance:	\$0.00
Amount Due:	\$25,425.00

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THE ROSS FIRM PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15.
Schedule B, as amended (the “Act”);**

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HONI”) pursuant to sections 92, 96.1, and 97 of the Act for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct approximately 64 kilometres of electricity transmission line and associated facilities from Lambton Transformer Station, connecting Wallaceburg Transformer Station, and terminating at Chatham Switching Station in the West of London area.

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for approval of the form of land-use agreements offered or to be offered to affected landowners:

COST SUBMISSIONS – THE ROSS FIRM GROUP

December 13, 2024

The Ross Firm PC
144 Courthouse Square
Suite 100
Goderich, ON N7A 2M1

ATTN: Quinn M. Ross
qmross@rossfirm.com
519.524.5532

Counsel for The Ross Firm Group

TO: Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
26th Floor
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

AND TO: Intervenors of Record

AND TO: Gordon M. Nettleton
Counsel for Hydro One Networks Inc.

ORDER SOUGHT

1. The Ross Firm Group ("RFG") respectfully requests an Order of Costs in the amount equal to the Bill of Costs provided with these submissions for costs incurred solely as a result of the preparation for and participation in the applications brought by Hydro One Networks Inc. ("**HONI**") in this matter.

BACKGROUND

2. In Procedural Order No.1, the OEB approved RFG's application for intervenor status. The OEB also granted cost eligibility with respect to its representation of directly impacted landowners. The OEB denied cost eligibility with respect to abutting landowners. None of the costs or submissions herein relate to RFG representation of the abutting landowners.

CONSIDERATIONS IN AWARDING COSTS

3. In support of its claim for a cost award, RFG relies on Rule 5.01 of the *Ontario Energy Board – Practice Direction on Cost Awards* which states as follows:

CONSIDERATIONS IN AWARDING COSTS

3.01 In determining the amount of a cost award to a party, the Board may consider, amongst other things, whether the party has demonstrated through its participation and documented in its cost claim that it has:

- (a) participated responsibly in the process;
- (b) contributed to a better understanding by the Board of one or more of the issues in the process;
- (c) complied with the Board's orders, rules, codes, guidelines, filing requirements and section 3.03.1 of this Practice Direction with respect to frequent intervenors, and any directions of the Board;
- (d) made reasonable efforts to combine its intervention with that of one or more similarly interested parties, and to co-operate with all other parties;
- (e) made reasonable efforts to ensure that its participation in the process, including its evidence, interrogatories and cross-examination, was not unduly repetitive and was focused on relevant and material issues;
- (f) engaged in any conduct that tended to lengthen the process unnecessarily; or
- (g) engaged in any conduct which the Board considers inappropriate or irresponsible.

SUBMISSIONS

- (a) RFG participated responsibly in the process.***

4. RFG submits that throughout this highly technical and complex proceeding, it participated responsibly. This is evidenced by, among other things, RFG's strict adherence to the OEB Act, the Rules, and procedural orders and timelines along with RFG's respectful communications with the OEB, OEB Staff, and fellow participants in this proceeding.
5. At all times, RFG worked diligently to fulfill its dual duties of responsible participation in the proceedings and zealous advocacy on behalf of its clients. Given the nature of expropriation being the taking of private land without the consent of the owner by the government or by one of its agencies in the exercise of statutory power and accepted as one of the most invasive powers affected by the government or her agencies, we acted throughout to test and limit the exercise of that power.
6. Maintaining an appropriate balance between these dual duties was particularly challenging in light of the unique and complex nature of these proceedings. The proceedings involved the government designating the Project a "priority project" pursuant to section 96.1 of the OEB Act. As the government has exercised its section 96.1 powers on only a handful of occasions to date, RFG and fellow intervenors resolutely sought to ensure the appropriate balance between the intention of the streamlined process and the rights of those landowners affected.

(b) RFG contributed to a better understanding by Board of one or more issues in the process.

7. Interrogatories. One of the effects of the "priority project designation" was to substantially limit the scope of the proceedings. Despite the subsequently narrow list of issues that could be considered, RFG submitted interrogatories that fell within the subsequently narrow list of issues that could be considered. While further interrogatories were allowed, which the board notes as unusual, RFG participated in those to further the evidence before the board and to test the Applicant's theory of the case. RFG should not be penalized for strictly adhering to the tightly scoped issue list, in first instance and then seeking further data and evidence when allowed to do so.
8. Filing. Throughout the proceeding, RFG consistently referred to the OEB Act, Rules of Practice and Procedure, and orders and instructions from the OEB to ensure all submissions were filed prior to the applicable deadline and fulfilled all requirements with respect to form and content.
9. Interrogatories. RFG took time to closely examine the issues list to better understand the scope of issues that could be addressed in the proceedings.

(c) RFG made reasonable efforts to combine its intervention with that of one or more similarly interested parties, and to co-operate with all other parties;


10. RFG represented the interests of landowners who cumulatively own a significant portion of the total lands that will be directly impacted by the Project.
11. RFG precluded the board and applicant from having to deal with a large number of individual landowners in the process. By serving as the single voice advocating on behalf of landowners, RFG prevented the need of managing repetitive or irrelevant contributions, inappropriate conduct, and undue delays.

(d) RFG made reasonable efforts to ensure that its participation in the process was not unduly repetitive and was focused on relevant and material issues.

CONCLUSION

12. For the reasons set out herein, RFG respectfully submits that all costs incurred as a result of participation in the proceedings are fair and reasonable and should be awarded to RFG in the amount equal to the Bill of Costs provided with these submissions.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 13th day of December, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Q. Ross', is written over a horizontal line.

Quinn M. Ross

Counsel for the Intervenors The Ross Firm Group.

Dunya Baroudi-Ginn

CASE EB-2024-0155: Facilities: Leave to Construct (New): Hydro One Networks Inc.	COST CLAIM EB-2024-0155 : 1 : Quinn Ross	INTERVENOR NAME Ross, Quinn; +1 (519) 524-5532 qmross@rossfirm.com	PARTICIPANT CLAIM STATUS Submitted
FILING PARTICIPANT	NEW PARTICIPANT Yes	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT F. NAME Dunya	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT L. NAME Baroudi-Ginn
SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE* Articling Student/Paralegal	YEAR CALLED TO BAR*	COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE*	HOURLY RATE 100
HST RATE CHARGED* 13.00	CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Attached	LAST CV DATE December 13, 2024	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 834918013 RT0001	HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No

HEARINGS

Hearings Hours	Hearings Subtotal (\$)		Hearings Total Tax (\$)		Hearings Total (\$)	
5.00	500.00		65.00		565.00	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
DISCOVERY						
Read and Research Application and Evidence		100		13.00		
Preparation of Interrogatories	1.70	100	170.00	13.00	22.10	192.10
Review Interrogatory Responses		100		13.00		
Technical Conference Preparation		100		13.00		
Technical Conference Attendance		100		13.00		
Technical Conference Follow-up		100		13.00		
Subtotal of DISCOVERY	1.70		170.00		22.10	192.10
PROCEDURAL						
Preparation of Issues List Submission		100		13.00		
Attendance at Issues List Conference		100		13.00		
Preparation for a Confidentiality Request		100		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality		100		13.00		
Preparation of Motion(s) Materials	0.30	100	30.00	13.00	3.90	33.90
Prepare Submissions on the Motion(s)		100		13.00		
Attendance at Hearing on Motion(s)		100		13.00		
Review Procedural Documents	2.00	100	200.00	13.00	26.00	226.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Subtotal of PROCEDURAL	2.30		230.00		29.90	259.90
INTERVENOR EVIDENCE						
Preparation of Intervenor Evidence		100		13.00		
Interrogatory Responses		100		13.00		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		100		13.00		
Subtotal of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE						
Preparation for Settlement Conference		100		13.00		
Attendance at Settlement Conference		100		13.00		
Preparation of Settlement Proposal		100		13.00		
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		100		13.00		
Subtotal of SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
WRITTEN ARGUMENT						
Written Submissions	1.00	100	100.00	13.00	13.00	113.00
Subtotal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT	1.00		100.00		13.00	113.00
ORAL ARGUMENT						
Preparation for Oral Hearing		100		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		100		13.00		
Oral Submissions		100		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		100		13.00		
Subtotal of ORAL ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
DECISION						
Review Decision		100		13.00		
Review Rate/Accounting Order		100		13.00		
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		100		13.00		
Subtotal of DECISION	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
OTHER						
Other Attendance (e.g., Intervenor Conferences)		100		13.00		
Subtotal of OTHER	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES						
Total Service Provider Fees	5.00		500.00		65.00	565.00

Attachments

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Import Message</u>
Resume.Dunya Baroudi-Ginn.pdf	CV	
Office Invoice OEB.pdf	Time Docket and Invoice	

Hearings, Consultations, Disbursements Attachments

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DUNYA BAROUDI-GINN

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PROFILE

Organized and dedicated with excellent attention to detail. Demonstrates a high level of administrative competence. Works well in a team environment. Shows eagerness and capacity to learn new skills. Communicates confidently with superiors, peers and the public. Strongly motivated to achieve optimal results.

EXPERIENCE

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| October 2020-
Present | <p>Corporate Law Clerk, <i>The Ross Firm P.C.</i></p> <p>Support senior partner and junior associates as point of contact for clients, coordinate meetings with attorneys, accountants, and current and prospective clients. Legal document preparation and management with respect to corporate and real estate transactions, database and file management, client invoicing, and accounts receivable and general office duties as requested in a fast-paced environment.</p> |
| February 2019-
May 2019 | <p>Customer Service Representative, <i>Bank of Montreal</i></p> <p>Processed customers financial and business transactions and provided information on related banking products and services. Generated sales leads that developed into new customers. Provided customer support and responded to client inquiries. Identified and assessed customers' needs to achieve satisfaction. Maintained large cash balances.</p> |
| June 2011-
February 2019 | <p>Front Desk Agent/Site Manager, <i>Samuels Boutique Hotel</i></p> <p>Responsible for greeting and welcoming guests, maintained and managed reservation system, processed payments, balanced cash, handled guest grievances, assisted with dining room and bar service. Coordinated private functions and meetings and assisted with set up of any required a/v materials. Responsible for training and mentoring new staff.</p> |
| April 2010-
June 2010 | <p>Front Desk Agent, <i>The Little Inn of Bayfield</i></p> <p>Responsible for greeting and welcoming guests, maintained and managed reservation system, processed payments, balanced cash, handled guest grievances, performed concierge duties as required. Orchestrated all social functions including private parties, business meetings and formal engagements and assisted with set up of any required a/v materials.</p> |

October 2020-
Present

Corporate Law Clerk, *The Ross Firm P.C.*

Support senior partner and junior associates as point of contact for clients, coordinate meetings with attorneys, accountants, and current and prospective clients. Legal document preparation and management with respect to corporate and real estate transactions, database and file management, client invoicing, and accounts receivable and general office duties as requested in a fast-paced environment.

March 2002-
June 2009

Front of House Manager/ Hotel Night Manager, Paddy O' Neil's/The Bedford Hotel

Motivated and oversaw a high-performing team of ten plus, prepared end of day reports, balanced cash, proved to be a resourceful asset to the management team by providing original solutions, introduced new concepts, actively negotiated and resolved differences, and employed constructive criticism, provided restaurant guests with friendly and professional service, excellent food quality and consistency of execution in an attractive, well-maintained environment. Trained and mentored new staff. Addressed complaints and resolved problems with both staff and customers.

EDUCATION

Fanshawe College, *London, Ontario*

A.B. Lucas Secondary School, *London, Ontario*

KEY SKILLS AND CHARACTERISTICS

- Strong critical thinking skills
- Exceptional verbal and written communication skills
- Works well in high pressure, fast paced environment
- Dynamic and adaptable
- Software proficiency including Microsoft Office, Excel, Adobe Pro, Kofax, Zoom Cloud Meetings
- Works well in a collaborative team setting
- Strong knowledge of audio video communication systems

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available Upon Request

St. Clair Transmission Line Project Expropriation
200 Hanlon Creek Boulevard
GUELPH, ON N1C 0A1

Invoice Date: 13 December 2024
Invoice No: 24907
Due Date: 12 January 2025

Matter: 2023-41572 - HONI - Land Acquisition (Expropriation) - Regulatory- St. Clair

Professional Fees

Date	Description	Lawyer	Hours	Rate	Amount
2023/10/05	Meeting with Alex and Meryam to discuss allowance agreement, early access agreement, timelines for future agreements and next steps	LM	1.60	\$290.00	\$464.00
2024/06/22	To review OEB Letter of Direction to HONI. RE: Title Search etc.	QMR	0.40	\$330.00	\$132.00
2024/06/22	To review Notice of Hearing and to preparing letter to landowner group regarding same.	QMR	1.70	\$330.00	\$561.00
2024/07/03	To prepare TRF Motion and send to Q. Ross for review and revision.	DB	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
2024/07/09	To drafting intervenor letter to the OEB.	QMR	2.30	\$330.00	\$759.00
2024/07/09	To further review and revision of letter of intervention to OEB.	DB	0.50	\$100.00	\$50.00
2024/07/09	To submit Letter of Intervention to the OEB with respect to Leave to Construct Application.	DB	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00
2024/07/09	Email to landowner group advising HONI has made application to OEB re Leave to Construct and provide letter of intervention	DB	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
2024/07/09	To update client site with OEB letter of intervention and correspondence to landowners regarding HONI Application re Leave to Construct	DB	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
2024/07/09	To confirm current OEB Board Secretary for delivery of letter of intervention.	DB	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00
2024/07/09	Incoming correspondence from Dunya with letter to landowners and HONI regarding application for leave to construct; review of same	LM	0.30	\$290.00	\$87.00
2024/07/10	Incoming correspondence from Dunya with revised letter regarding application for leave to construct	LM	0.20	\$290.00	\$58.00
2024/07/11	To call OEB and confirm letter of intervention was received.	DB	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00
2024/07/11	To review HONI Affidavit of Service dated July 9, 2024.	QMR	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
2024/07/11	To review intervention form of K. Jakubec.	QMR	0.50	\$330.00	\$165.00
2024/07/13	To review letter of comment of H. Knight.	QMR	0.20	\$330.00	\$66.00
2024/07/18	To review Enbridge letter of Intervention. To review previous Enbridge intervention cases for relevance to instant proceedings.	QMR	1.50	\$330.00	\$495.00
2024/07/20	To review H. Gauthier Letter of Comment.	QMR	0.20	\$330.00	\$66.00
2024/07/20	To review IESO letter of intervention and listed cases for relevance to current proceeding.	QMR	0.90	\$330.00	\$297.00

2024/07/24	To review HONI submissions in response to intervenor request. To communicate same with explanation to client group.	QMR	2.10	\$330.00	\$693.00
2024/07/27	To review Siskinds Intervenor request, K. Webber letter of comment, HONI reposne to Intervenor requests and objections, Vector intervenor request.	QMR	2.20	\$330.00	\$726.00
2024/08/01	To receive and Procedural Order No. 1 and organize same to file and to provide copy of same as update to landowner group.	DB	0.60	\$100.00	\$60.00
2024/08/01	To receive and review Procedural Order No.1	QMR	0.30	\$330.00	\$99.00
2024/08/02	Review of Procedural Order No. 1; several communication with Q. Ross, D. Baroudi-Ginn and E. Cohen regarding same; several correspondence with G. Nettleton concerning timelines for submissions	LM	0.50	\$290.00	\$145.00
2024/08/03	Several communication with D. Laundry and E. Cohen regarding extensions of deadlines; review of PO1 to draft motion; draft motion to extend deadlines; correspondence with D. Laundry and E. Cohen regarding same; incoming correspondence from D. Laundry with Q. Ross' instructions with respect to motion	LM	2.30	\$290.00	\$667.00
2024/08/05	To begin review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.20	\$330.00	\$1,056.00
2024/08/09	To continue review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.20	\$330.00	\$1,056.00
2024/08/12	To continue review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.20	\$330.00	\$1,056.00
2024/08/13	Review of PO No.1; review of Application; draft of interrogatories; correspondence with Quinn to provide same for review	LM	4.50	\$290.00	\$1,305.00
2024/08/13	To continue review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.00	\$330.00	\$990.00
2024/08/13	To further review of evidence. To preparing written interrogatories in response to HONI Leave to Construct Application for submission.	QMR	4.40	\$330.00	\$1,452.00
2024/08/19	To review written interrogatories re HONI leave to construct application prior to submission for accuracy; To submit written interrogatories through OEB online portal and to provide same via email to all necessary parties; And to provide copy to landowner group as general update.	DB	1.70	\$100.00	\$170.00
2024/08/19	To meeting with landowner group representatives regarding interrogatories and to receive instructions regarding same.	QMR	3.90	\$330.00	\$1,287.00
2024/09/04	To review HONI request RE: Confidentiality and to communicate same to landowner group.	QMR	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
2024/09/23	To review Procedural Order 2 and to prepare communication to landowner group.	QMR	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
2024/10/07	To review evidence, interrogatories and relevant law. To commence preparing written submissions in s.92 Application.	QMR	4.00	\$330.00	\$1,320.00
2024/10/07	To meeting with landowner group representatives to review plan for submissions and to receive instructions regarding same.	QMR	3.70	\$330.00	\$1,221.00
2024/10/08	To review QMR written submissions for completeness and revise accordingly prior to filing deadline. To submit written submissions through OEB online filing portal. To email copy of written submissions to necessary parties.	DB	1.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2024/10/08	To continue preparing written submissions in S.92 Application to completion.	QMR	4.00	\$330.00	\$1,320.00

2024/10/08	Incoming correspondence from Quinn with draft submissions; review and revisions of same; review of easement agreement to revise submissions; correspondence with Dunya and Quinn to provide revised submissions; incoming correspondence from Siskinds and OEB Staff with submissions; review of same	LM	1.60	\$290.00	\$464.00
2024/10/12	To review submissions of K. Jakubec, OEB, Siskinds	QMR	4.40	\$330.00	\$1,452.00
2024/10/22	To review HONI reply submissions.	QMR	1.70	\$330.00	\$561.00
2024/12/10	To review decision and order. To prepare correspondence to landowner group regarding same.	QMR	3.00	\$330.00	\$990.00
			73.00		\$22,500.00

Fees:	\$22,500.00
Disbursements:	\$0.00
HST @13%:	\$2,925.00
Invoice Total (including Tax):	\$25,425.00
Transferred from Trust:	\$0.00
Outstanding Balance:	\$0.00
Amount Due:	\$25,425.00

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Lara Merjane

CASE EB-2024-0155: Facilities: Leave to Construct (New): Hydro One Networks Inc.	COST CLAIM EB-2024-0155 : 1 : Quinn Ross	INTERVENOR NAME Ross, Quinn; +1 (519) 524-5532 qmross@rossfirm.com	PARTICIPANT CLAIM STATUS Submitted
FILING PARTICIPANT	NEW PARTICIPANT Yes	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT F. NAME Lara	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT L. NAME Merjane
SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE* Legal Counsel	YEAR CALLED TO BAR* 2011	COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE* 13	HOURLY RATE 290
HST RATE CHARGED* 13.00	CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Attached	LAST CV DATE December 13, 2024	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 834918013 RT0001	HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No

HEARINGS

Hearings Hours	Hearings Subtotal (\$)		Hearings Total Tax (\$)		Hearings Total (\$)	
11.00	3,190.00		414.70		3,604.70	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
DISCOVERY						
Read and Research Application and Evidence	1.60	290	464.00	13.00	60.32	524.32
Preparation of Interrogatories	4.50	290	1,305.00	13.00	169.65	1,474.65
Review Interrogatory Responses		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Preparation		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Attendance		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Follow-up		290		13.00		
Subtotal of DISCOVERY	6.10		1,769.00		229.97	1,998.97
PROCEDURAL						
Preparation of Issues List Submission		290		13.00		
Attendance at Issues List Conference		290		13.00		
Preparation for a Confidentiality Request		290		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality		290		13.00		
Preparation of Motion(s) Materials		290		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on the Motion(s)		290		13.00		
Attendance at Hearing on Motion(s)		290		13.00		
Review Procedural Documents	3.30	290	957.00	13.00	124.41	1,081.41

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Subtotal of PROCEDURAL	3.30		957.00		124.41	1,081.41
INTERVENOR EVIDENCE						
Preparation of Intervenor Evidence		290		13.00		
Interrogatory Responses		290		13.00		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		290		13.00		
Subtotal of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE						
Preparation for Settlement Conference		290		13.00		
Attendance at Settlement Conference		290		13.00		
Preparation of Settlement Proposal		290		13.00		
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		290		13.00		
Subtotal of SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
WRITTEN ARGUMENT						
Written Submissions	1.60	290	464.00	13.00	60.32	524.32
Subtotal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT	1.60		464.00		60.32	524.32
ORAL ARGUMENT						
Preparation for Oral Hearing		290		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		290		13.00		
Oral Submissions		290		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		290		13.00		
Subtotal of ORAL ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
DECISION						
Review Decision		290		13.00		
Review Rate/Accounting Order		290		13.00		
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		290		13.00		
Subtotal of DECISION	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
OTHER						
Other Attendance (e.g., Intervenor Conferences)		290		13.00		
Subtotal of OTHER	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES						
Total Service Provider Fees	11.00		3,190.00		414.70	3,604.70

Attachments

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Import Message</u>
Lara Merjane - Resume October 2024.pdf	CV	
Office Invoice OEB.pdf	Time Docket and Invoice	

Hearings, Consultations, Disbursements Attachments

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Claim Type</u>	<u>Import Message</u>
Lara Merjane - Resume October 2024.pdf	CV	Hearings	
Office Invoice OEB.pdf	Time Docket and Invoice	Hearings	

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SUMMARY

- Over 13 years of experience as an international lawyer in Latin and North America, with more than 4 years specializing in Corporate Law, managing complex private M&A transactions.
- Participated in private M&A deals exceeding €5 billion, public M&A transactions in the oncology industry valued at CAD 2.8 billion, and corporate reorganizations involving over 30 countries.
- Certified Commercial Contracts Manager with expertise in drafting, reviewing, and negotiating high-stakes agreements.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Called to the Law Society of Ontario in June 2020 – License #80102P.
- Called to the Brazilian Bar in February 2011 – License #32261/GO.
- Certified Commercial Contracts Manager (IACCM/WCC).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Corporate & Commercial Lawyer

The Ross Firm Professional Corporation

March 2022 – Present

Remote, ON

The Ross Firm is a full-service local firm with four locations in Huron County.

- **Cross-Border M&A.** Led drafting and negotiations closing approximately 3 private domestic and cross-border M&A transactions per month, with deal values up to CAD 90 million for clients in Canada, the U.S., Costa Rica, and the British Virgin Islands across various sectors such as technology, energy, agriculture, retail, hospitality, and education.
- **Due Diligence & Risk Management.** Led due diligence, prepared and reviewed disclosure schedules, drafted closing documents and produced due diligence reports, identifying risks and red flags.
- **Corporate and Commercial Documents.** Reviewed, drafted and negotiated:
 - Commercial agreements, such as master services, consulting, non-disclosure, supplier, and confidentiality agreements.
 - Corporate documents, share transfer and share exchange agreements, by-laws, articles of incorporation, resolutions, shareholders' agreements, letters of intent, shareholder loan agreements, guarantees, and related materials.
 - Employment and commercial lease agreements.

Corporate & Securities Lawyer

Baker McKenzie

August 2021 – February 2022

Toronto, ON

Baker McKenzie is the second largest international law firm in the world, headquartered in Chicago with 77 offices in 46 countries and ranked the Firm No. 1 for cross-border deals for 12 consecutive years.

- **Major M&A Transactions**
 - Participated in private M&A deals exceeding €5 billion and corporate reorganizations involving over 30 countries within the health, technology, gaming, and retail industries.
 - Worked on a public M&A transaction of a clinical-stage immuno-oncology company developing innovative therapies for the treatment of cancer valued at \$2.8 billion.
 - Drafted and reviewed purchase agreements, closing agendas, ancillary agreements, authorizing resolutions, officers' bring-down certificates and all types of closing documents.

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- **M&A Due Diligence.** Led legal and corporate due diligence, managing specialist groups on diligence for tax, employment, trade, competition, real estate, and other areas in private M&A deals
- **Banking and Financing.** Closed 1-2 financing transactions per month, reviewing loan agreements, credit facility agreements, and promissory notes, and drafting legal opinions and closing documents.

Corporate & Commercial Lawyer

October 2020 – August 2021

The Ross Firm Professional Corporation

Remote, ON

- **M&A and Financing.** Advised clients, negotiated terms, and drafted/reviewed all necessary documents for private M&A and financing transactions, and corporate reorganizations.
- **Leadership.** Led due diligence of M&A transactions.
- **Commercial Agreements and Policies**
 - Reviewed, drafted, and negotiated commercial agreements, including master service, consulting, software development, licensing, employment, independent contractors, non-disclosure, commercial leases, and loan agreements.
 - Drafted websites and book disclaimers, data protection and privacy policies (including health-sensitive information handling), and website terms and conditions.

Contracts and Negotiation Specialist (Mat-Leave Replacement)

April 2019 – June 2020

Procom Group

Toronto, ON

The Procom Group is one of North America's leading staffing and contract workforce services providers with 20 companies, including Procom Consultants, Procom Services, Flextrack, Niad, and Edsembli operating in the technology, staffing, recruiting and payroll industries.

- **Commercial Agreements.** Reviewed, drafted, and negotiated master service, consulting, sub-vendor, non-disclosure, and tender (RFI, RFP, RFQ) agreements, dealing with Fortune 500 clients and the government in 14 branches across Canada and the US. Developed the company's Privacy Policy adhering to best practices and relevant legislation.
- **Risk Management.** Communicated identified contractual risks to sales, business development teams, General Counsel, and executives, facilitating informed decision-making.
- **Corporate Documents and Minute Books.** Handled the renewal of business licenses and employment agency licenses for all 20 companies, liaising with lawyers and government bodies. Led the reorganization, amalgamation, dissolution, and formation of the Group's companies.

Robert Half Legal (Project-Based)

September 2018 – April 2019

Various Projects

Toronto, ON

Q4 Inc. - Contracts Administrator

- **MSA Review.** Worked on a project to review over 1100 master service agreements of investor relations and capital market software solutions for this industry-leading public company with offices in Toronto, NY, London and Copenhagen.
- **Risk Management.** Identified information on liability cap, possibility of assignment/subcontracting, termination for convenience, continuity in case of change of control and other specificities and/or risks to report to General Counsel.

ADP Canada - Bilingual Legal Support Staff

- **MSA Review.** Worked on a project to review approximately 2000 master service agreements of human resources management software solutions at a subsidiary of the renowned American public corporation ADP.
- **Risk Management.** Identified and collected legal information such as parties, term, termination and renewal terms, possibility of assignment/subcontracting and other terms in agreements in English and French and reported to Legal Counsel.

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Partner – Labor and Employment Litigation

April 2013 - June 2017

Bentzen, Merjane & Mulser

Brazil

Bentzen, Merjane & Mulser is a local boutique business law firm dealing with sophisticated multinational public companies in the automotive, telecommunications, and banking industries.

- **Litigation Management.** Led and managed the Labour and Employment Litigation practice, effectively managing a high volume of hearings, including wrongful termination cases, wage disputes, and regulatory compliance.

Lawyer – Labor Law

June 2011 - December 2013

Employers' Association (Union): Sindicato dos Hotéis Bares e Restaurantes (SINDHORBS)

Brazil

SINDHORBS is an association of companies in the hospitality (hotels, bars and restaurants) industry.

- **Collective Bargaining & Advocacy.** Negotiated collective bargaining agreements and advocated for the hospitality industry before regulatory bodies.
- **Litigation.** Advised and drafted all necessary litigation documents relevant to each case for over 400 companies members of the association.
- **Training.** Organized legal workshops for member education on employment law and best practices.

Lawyer - Labor and Employment Litigation

January 2011 - April 2013

Mizael e Mizael Advogados Associados

Brazil

Mizael e Mizael Advogados Associados is a leading regional law firm specializing in complex labour and employment litigation, including cases before the Supreme Court.

- **Litigation.** Represented multinational public companies in the food industry, and private retail, personal security and construction companies in litigation procedures and advised clients on labour and employment issues, including termination, discrimination, wage disputes, and workplace safety violations.

EDUCATION

LLM: Canadian Common Law

2019

Osgoode Hall Law School

Toronto, ON

LLM: Business Law

2015

Fundacao Getulio Vargas (FGV)

Brazil

LLB: Bachelor of Law

2010

Universidade Salgado de Oliveira

Brazil

OTHER COURSES

Certificate: Negotiation and Leadership

2014

Harvard Law School

Boston, USA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Brazil Canada Bar Association

September 2023 - Present

Director & Chair of Communications

Toronto, ON

St. Clair Transmission Line Project Expropriation
200 Hanlon Creek Boulevard
GUELPH, ON N1C 0A1

Invoice Date: 13 December 2024
Invoice No: 24907
Due Date: 12 January 2025

Matter: 2023-41572 - HONI - Land Acquisition (Expropriation) - Regulatory- St. Clair

Professional Fees

Date	Description	Lawyer	Hours	Rate	Amount
2023/10/05	Meeting with Alex and Meryam to discuss allowance agreement, early access agreement, timelines for future agreements and next steps	LM	1.60	\$290.00	\$464.00
2024/06/22	To review OEB Letter of Direction to HONI. RE: Title Search etc.	QMR	0.40	\$330.00	\$132.00
2024/06/22	To review Notice of Hearing and to preparing letter to landowner group regarding same.	QMR	1.70	\$330.00	\$561.00
2024/07/03	To prepare TRF Motion and send to Q. Ross for review and revision.	DB	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
2024/07/09	To drafting intervenor letter to the OEB.	QMR	2.30	\$330.00	\$759.00
2024/07/09	To further review and revision of letter of intervention to OEB.	DB	0.50	\$100.00	\$50.00
2024/07/09	To submit Letter of Intervention to the OEB with respect to Leave to Construct Application.	DB	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00
2024/07/09	Email to landowner group advising HONI has made application to OEB re Leave to Construct and provide letter of intervention	DB	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
2024/07/09	To update client site with OEB letter of intervention and correspondence to landowners regarding HONI Application re Leave to Construct	DB	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
2024/07/09	To confirm current OEB Board Secretary for delivery of letter of intervention.	DB	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00
2024/07/09	Incoming correspondence from Dunya with letter to landowners and HONI regarding application for leave to construct; review of same	LM	0.30	\$290.00	\$87.00
2024/07/10	Incoming correspondence from Dunya with revised letter regarding application for leave to construct	LM	0.20	\$290.00	\$58.00
2024/07/11	To call OEB and confirm letter of intervention was received.	DB	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00
2024/07/11	To review HONI Affidavit of Service dated July 9, 2024.	QMR	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
2024/07/11	To review intervention form of K. Jakubec.	QMR	0.50	\$330.00	\$165.00
2024/07/13	To review letter of comment of H. Knight.	QMR	0.20	\$330.00	\$66.00
2024/07/18	To review Enbridge letter of Intervention. To review previous Enbridge intervention cases for relevance to instant proceedings.	QMR	1.50	\$330.00	\$495.00
2024/07/20	To review H. Gauthier Letter of Comment.	QMR	0.20	\$330.00	\$66.00
2024/07/20	To review IESO letter of intervention and listed cases for relevance to current proceeding.	QMR	0.90	\$330.00	\$297.00

2024/07/24	To review HONI submissions in response to intervenor request. To communicate same with explanation to client group.	QMR	2.10	\$330.00	\$693.00
2024/07/27	To review Siskinds Intervenor request, K. Webber letter of comment, HONI reposne to Intervenor requests and objections, Vector intervenor request.	QMR	2.20	\$330.00	\$726.00
2024/08/01	To receive and Procedural Order No. 1 and organize same to file and to provide copy of same as update to landowner group.	DB	0.60	\$100.00	\$60.00
2024/08/01	To receive and review Procedural Order No.1	QMR	0.30	\$330.00	\$99.00
2024/08/02	Review of Procedural Order No. 1; several communication with Q. Ross, D. Baroudi-Ginn and E. Cohen regarding same; several correspondence with G. Nettleton concerning timelines for submissions	LM	0.50	\$290.00	\$145.00
2024/08/03	Several communication with D. Laundry and E. Cohen regarding extensions of deadlines; review of PO1 to draft motion; draft motion to extend deadlines; correspondence with D. Laundry and E. Cohen regarding same; incoming correspondence from D. Laundry with Q. Ross' instructions with respect to motion	LM	2.30	\$290.00	\$667.00
2024/08/05	To begin review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.20	\$330.00	\$1,056.00
2024/08/09	To continue review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.20	\$330.00	\$1,056.00
2024/08/12	To continue review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.20	\$330.00	\$1,056.00
2024/08/13	Review of PO No.1; review of Application; draft of interrogatories; correspondence with Quinn to provide same for review	LM	4.50	\$290.00	\$1,305.00
2024/08/13	To continue review of HONI Leave to Construct Application	QMR	3.00	\$330.00	\$990.00
2024/08/13	To further review of evidence. To preparing written interrogatories in response to HONI Leave to Construct Application for submission.	QMR	4.40	\$330.00	\$1,452.00
2024/08/19	To review written interrogatories re HONI leave to construct application prior to submission for accuracy; To submit written interrogatories through OEB online portal and to provide same via email to all necessary parties; And to provide copy to landowner group as general update.	DB	1.70	\$100.00	\$170.00
2024/08/19	To meeting with landowner group representatives regarding interrogatories and to receive instructions regarding same.	QMR	3.90	\$330.00	\$1,287.00
2024/09/04	To review HONI request RE: Confidentiality and to communicate same to landowner group.	QMR	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
2024/09/23	To review Procedural Order 2 and to prepare communication to landowner group.	QMR	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
2024/10/07	To review evidence, interrogatories and relevant law. To commence preparing written submissions in s.92 Application.	QMR	4.00	\$330.00	\$1,320.00
2024/10/07	To meeting with landowner group representatives to review plan for submissions and to receive instructions regarding same.	QMR	3.70	\$330.00	\$1,221.00
2024/10/08	To review QMR written submissions for completeness and revise accordingly prior to filing deadline. To submit written submissions through OEB online filing portal. To email copy of written submissions to necessary parties.	DB	1.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2024/10/08	To continue preparing written submissions in S.92 Application to completion.	QMR	4.00	\$330.00	\$1,320.00

2024/10/08	Incoming correspondence from Quinn with draft submissions; review and revisions of same; review of easement agreement to revise submissions; correspondence with Dunya and Quinn to provide revised submissions; incoming correspondence from Siskinds and OEB Staff with submissions; review of same	LM	1.60	\$290.00	\$464.00
2024/10/12	To review submissions of K. Jakubec, OEB, Siskinds	QMR	4.40	\$330.00	\$1,452.00
2024/10/22	To review HONI reply submissions.	QMR	1.70	\$330.00	\$561.00
2024/12/10	To review decision and order. To prepare correspondence to landowner group regarding same.	QMR	3.00	\$330.00	\$990.00
			73.00		\$22,500.00

Fees:	\$22,500.00
Disbursements:	\$0.00
HST @13%:	\$2,925.00
Invoice Total (including Tax):	\$25,425.00
Transferred from Trust:	\$0.00
Outstanding Balance:	\$0.00
Amount Due:	\$25,425.00

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If you have been asked to pay a further retainer, please send to retainers@rossfirm.com and include your matter number **2023-41572** in the memo.

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PLEASE NOTE: that effective on your next invoice Rebecca Kloosterman's rate is increasing to \$215/hr

Trust Account Statement

Date	Transaction No.	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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