

NOTICE OF A HEARING

Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high voltage transmission line and to expropriate interests in certain lands in the Municipalities of Welland, Thorold and the City of Niagara

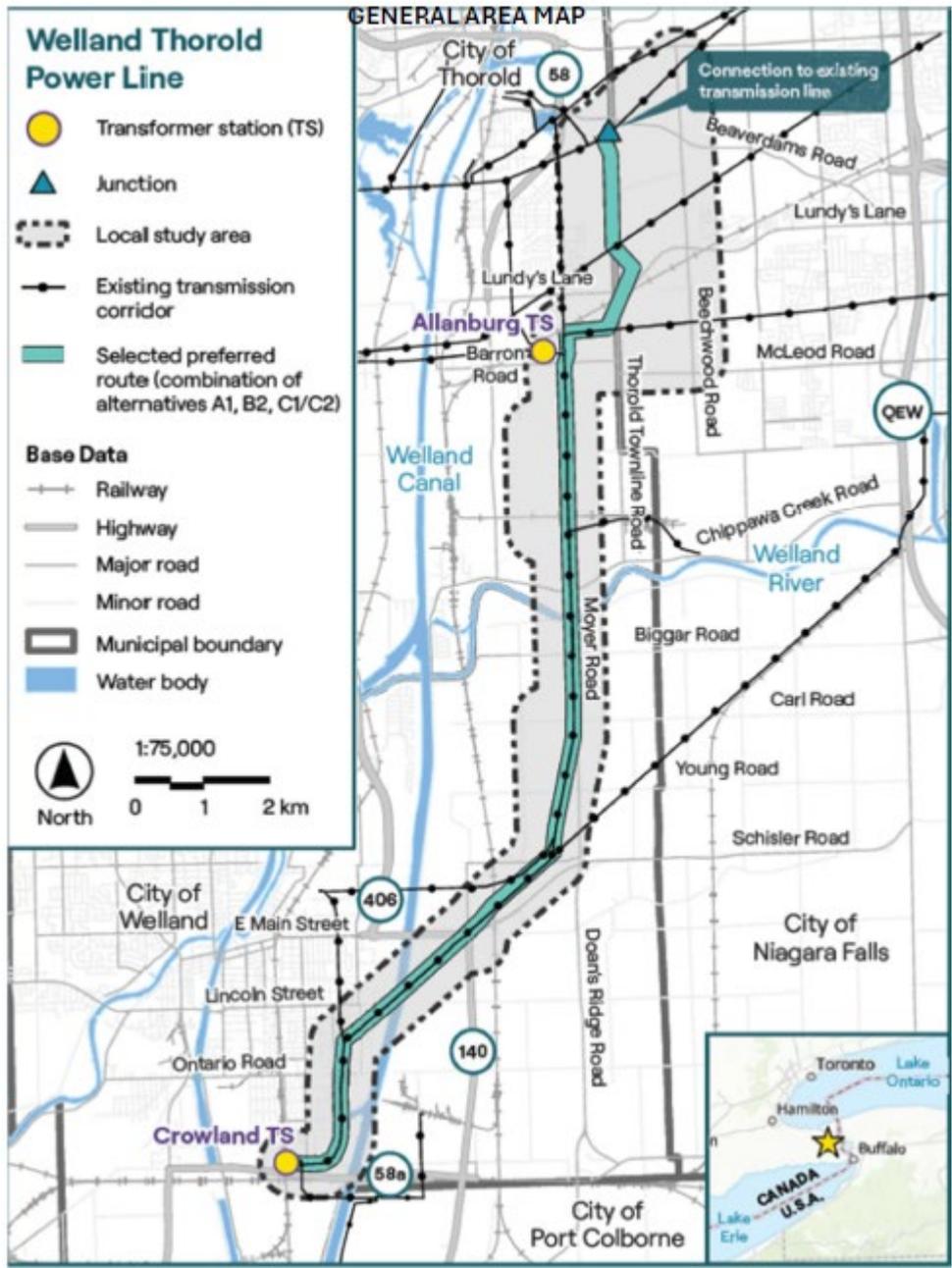
Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) is asking the Ontario Energy Board for permission to construct a new double circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line that spans approximately 18.5 km between Abitibi Consolidated Junction in Thorold to the Crowland Transformer Station located in Welland (Welland-Thorold Project). Hydro One Networks says the Welland-Thorold project consists of both new and repurposed right of way.

Hydro One Networks says the transmission line is needed to ensure sufficient capacity to support continued growth and to improve reliability in the Niagara area.

Hydro One Networks is also asking the OEB to approve the form of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line.

Hydro One Networks is also asking the OEB for permission to expropriate interests in certain lands associated with the Welland-Thorold Project. Hydro One Networks' application in relation to expropriation is not about compensation. The OEB will consider the public interest when making any order authorizing Hydro One Networks to expropriate land. The OEB does not have the authority to determine the amount of compensation payable. If the OEB authorizes Hydro One Networks to expropriate and the parties do not agree upon compensation, then the compensation must be determined under the *Expropriations Act* or by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is provided below:



This hearing will be held under sections 92, 97 and 99(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

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YOU SHOULD KNOW

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

There are three types of OEB Hearings: oral, electronic and written. If you have a preference for the type of hearing then you can write to us to explain why. During this hearing, we will question the applicant about its case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenor. After reviewing all the evidence, we will decide whether to approve this application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2025-0290** to:

- Review the application
- Apply to become an intervenor
- File a letter with your comments

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **January 5, 2026** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

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