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**VIA EMAIL AND PORTAL**

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Dear Mr. Murray:

**Re: OEB File No.: EB-2025-0290  
Hydro One Networks Inc. Leave to Construct and Expropriation Application –  
Welland – Thorold Project  
The Corporation of the City of Welland – Comments Re Issues List and Scope of  
Proceeding**

We represent The Corporation of the City of Welland (“**City**”) in the above-noted matter. I kindly ask that my contact details be added to the intervenor list along with the City’s other representatives, Bruce Smith ([bruce.smith@welland.ca](mailto:bruce.smith@welland.ca)) and Sarah Conidi ([sarah.conidi@welland.ca](mailto:sarah.conidi@welland.ca)).

The City is filing this letter to provide comments on the Issues List and Scope of Proceeding as requested by the OEB in Procedural Order No. 1.

**Issues to be Considered:**

The routing and alignment options for the Welland-Thorold Project is an important issue to be addressed with respect to Hydro One Network Inc.’s (“**HONI**”) Leave to Construct Application. This may include the impacts of the Project at a site-specific level. Accordingly, the City requests that the route options be included as a standalone issue or as a subsection in 7.0 “Route Map and Form of Landowner Agreements” on the “Section 92 Leave to Construct Issues List”.

**Scope of the Proceeding:**

In regard to the scope of the proceeding, it is our understanding based on HONI’s Expropriation Application, that authority to expropriate the City’s lands is not being requested at this time; and any authority to expropriate would be limited to the lands identified in Exhibit E, Tab 1, Schedule

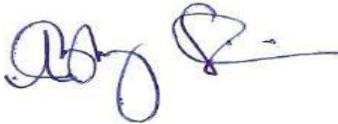
1, Attachment 11. Should HONI not be able to secure its required property interests from the remaining landowners, including the City, HONI would make a separate application for authority to expropriate in future. Thus, potentially multiple expropriation applications are being proposed.

Given the issue of routing and the possibility of future applications to expropriate, the consideration of the requested authority to expropriate certain limited property interests appears premature. In the alternative, if the OEB is inclined to permit HONI's requested scope of the proceeding and consider the Leave to Construct and Expropriation Application(s) as presented, then the City does not have any comments on the proposed "Section 99 Expropriation Issues List" at this time but reserves its right to raise different and/or other issues in future Expropriation Applications for this Project impacting the City's lands.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if any further information is required.

Yours truly,

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