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Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2026-0154

Requesting information on behalf:

Of an organization

Intervenor Name:

Waasmoowin Opportunities and Consultation Council

Mandate and Objectives:

Waasmoowin Opportunities and Consultation Council (“WOCC”) is a non-profit corporation whose members are eight First Nations whose territories and Aboriginal and treaty rights and interests may be impacted by Hydro One’s proposed Northeast Power Line project (“NEPL”). WOCC’s mandate is to protect and advance the interests of those First Nations in connection with the NEPL, including with respect to the promotion of employment and economic opportunities for their members and businesses, the protection of their Aboriginal and treaty rights, and the environmental and cultural protection of their territories.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

WOCC’s members are eight First Nations whose territories and Aboriginal and treaty rights and interests may be impacted by the NEPL: Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Batchewana First Nation, Mississauga First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek, Serpent River First Nation, Thessalon First Nation, Wahnapiatae First Nation, and Whitefish River First Nation. WOCC represents the collective interests of those First Nations and their community members in

matters related to the NEPL.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

WOCC serves as the primary point of engagement between its member Nations and Hydro One with respect to the NEPL, representing those First Nations with respect to the promotion of employment and economic opportunities for their members and businesses, the protection of their Aboriginal and treaty rights, and the environmental and cultural protection of their territories.

Governance Structure:

WOCC is governed by a Board of Directors on which each of its eight member First Nations is represented. The Project Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of WOCC's activities and reports to the Board of Directors on a regular basis. WOCC has engaged McMillan LLP to assist with Ontario Energy Board matters respecting the NEPL. McMillan LLP reports to and receives instructions from the Project Manager and the Board of Directors.

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Frequent Intervenor Form:

Add all individuals listed on our Frequent Intervenor Form as contacts for this proceeding:

N/A

Names and email addresses of individuals to be added as contacts for this proceeding:

N/A

OEB Proceedings:

Item Description	Category	Status
Not applicable		

Issues:

Consistent with Rule 22.02, WOCC is materially impacted by this proceeding as the NEPL's proposed route may impact WOCC member First Nations' interests in their territories and their constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. WOCC and Hydro One have entered into an agreement that addresses WOCC's member First Nations' interests in connection with the NEPL, including with respect to those rights and economic opportunities such as employment and contracting benefits arising from the project, as well as environmental and cultural stewardship. WOCC intends to participate with respect to issues within the Board's mandate that bear on its member First Nations' interests in connection with the NEPL, including issues from the standard issues list, and any other matters that promote or otherwise represent the interests of WOCC, its member First Nations and their members more generally.

Policy Interests:

Not applicable.

Hearings:

WOCC takes no position on the form of hearing.

Evidence:

WOCC has not yet determined whether it will file evidence in this proceeding. WOCC reserves the right to file evidence and will seek Board approval at the earliest opportunity.

Coordination with Other Intervenor:

WOCC will seek to coordinate its participation in this proceeding with Waasmoowin GP Inc. (“WGP”) if and to the extent possible, but this may be limited as each of WOCC and WGP have very different mandates and interests are subject to confidentiality restrictions and conflict walls.

Cost Awards:

WOCC hereby requests cost eligibility and intends to seek a cost award in this proceeding. WOCC is, in accordance with s. 3.03(b) of the Board’s Practice Direction on Cost Awards (“Practice Direction”), eligible to seek an award of costs as WOCC primarily represents an interest or policy perspective that is relevant to the Board's mandate and to the proceeding. WOCC represents the collective interests of eight First Nations whose territories and interests may be affected by the NEPL, including with respect to economic opportunities arising from the project. WOCC and Hydro One have entered into an agreement that addresses WOCC's member First Nations' interests in connection with the NEPL. WOCC also relies on s. 3.03(c) of the Practice Direction as an organization representing First Nations with interests in land that may be affected by the NEPL. Each of WOCC’s eight member First Nations would themselves be eligible for a cost award on the same grounds. Neither WOCC nor its members are excluded from cost eligibility under s. 3.05 of the Practice Direction.

Language Preference:

WOCC will participate in English.