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Mayor Maureen Cole and members of Council
Municipality of South Huron
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Via e-mail: m.cole@southhuron.ca

November 9, 2017

Re: Wood Pole Replacement Program on the 115 kilovolt transmission structures (circuit L7S) in your community

Dear Mayor Cole and members of Council:

I am writing to notify you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) in your community to refurbish approximately 47 structures along 60 kilometres of the existing 115 kilovolt transmission line (circuit L7S). The project area is shown on the attached maps.

This project was determined through Hydro One's annual wood pole testing program as some of the wood pole structures on the circuit have reached their end-of-life. Replacing damaged and aging structures would ensure the continued reliability and integrity of this transmission line and electricity supply to the area. Most work would be carried out within the existing transmission corridor, with no new corridor being required. Where possible, access would be accomplished using existing roads and trails. There would be very little noticeable difference in this transmission line after the project has been completed.

This type of project is considered routine maintenance work with relatively minor effects, and is subject to the Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined planning process that has proven effective in ensuring that minor transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. The Class EA Process contains screening provisions that may apply to this project.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA, the replacement of wood poles may begin as early as January 2018 and be completed by the end of 2018.

Hydro One has notified First Nations and Métis communities of the Class EA and the project; we will also be notifying property owners adjacent to the work areas.

We welcome your comments and feedback regarding the proposed project. Your input for this project is valued, and would be appreciated by December 7, 2017.

As per the request of the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, information regarding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* is included and can be viewed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Hodsoll".

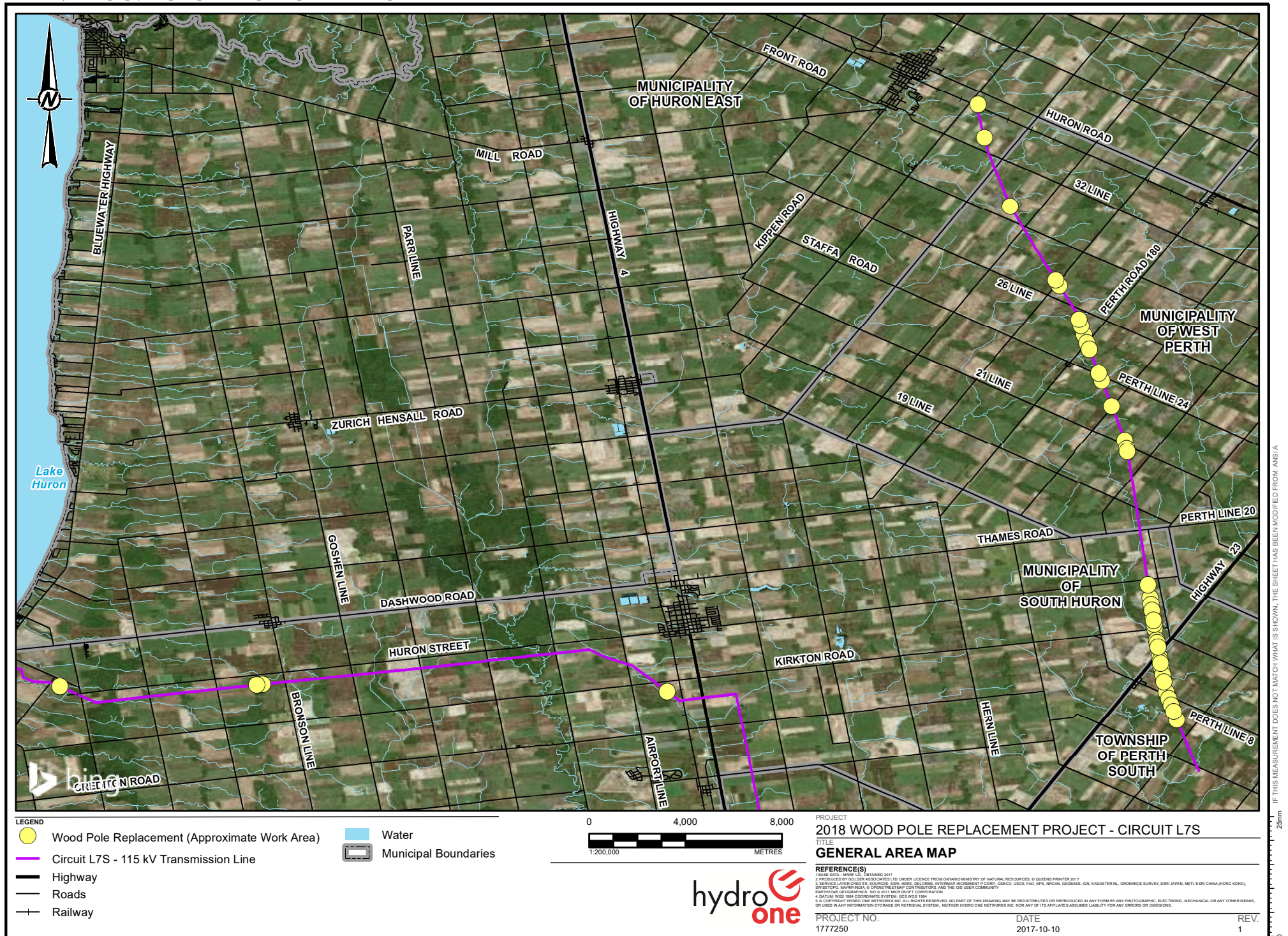
Stephanie Hodsoll
Community Relations Officer
Hydro One Networks Inc.

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CC: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of South Huron
Genevieve Scharback, Corporate Services Manager and Clerk, Municipality of South Huron

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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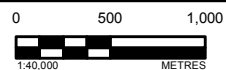
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 Circuit L7S - 115 kV Transmission Line
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2018 WOOD POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - CIRCUIT L7S
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