

Notice of Commencement Class Environmental Screening

Spring Creek Municipal Transformer Station Project

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (NPEI) is initiating an Environmental Screening for the Spring Creek Municipal Transformer Station (MTS) project. The project consists of constructing a new transformer station connecting to existing 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission circuits, which will service the Niagara Region. The project is in the Town of Lincoln on Spring Creek Road between Mountain Road and Frost Road, adjacent to an existing Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) Right of Way.

Need for the Project

The Niagara Regional Planning processes, led by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and Hydro One, identified that additional capacity is necessary for Lincoln, West-Lincoln and Grimsby areas to meet growing electrical demand. The proposed Spring Creek MTS is NPEI's response to meet this need, allowing for increased electrical capacity and providing resiliency to the electrical distribution system in the Niagara Region.

Environmental Screening Process

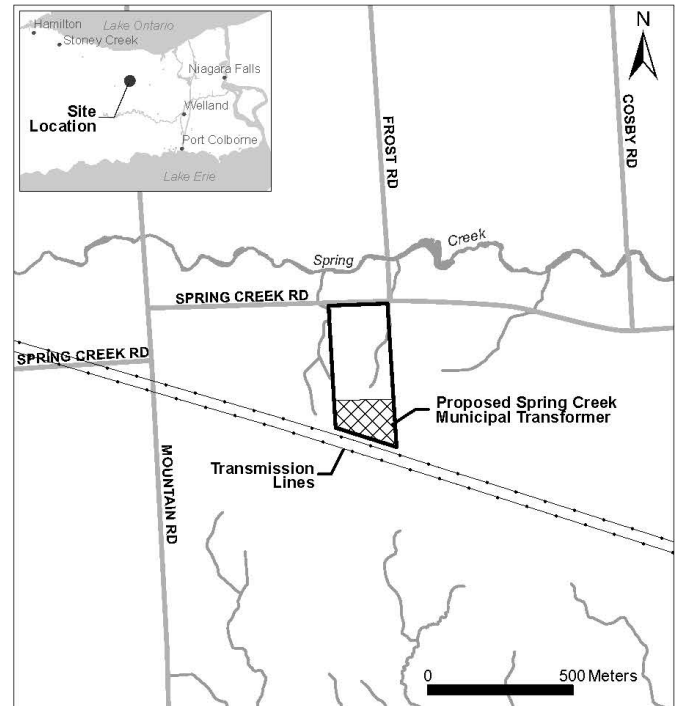
The Spring Creek MTS is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Transmission Facilities (www.hydroone.com/ClassEA) newly regulated under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* in February 2024. Because it will have an operating voltage between 115 kilovolts (kV) and 500 kV, under the Class EA process NPEI is initiating the Environmental Screening process for new transformer stations.

Future Public Meeting

NPEI is committed to engaging with Indigenous communities, the public and other interested parties throughout the planning process. We anticipate hosting a public meeting in Fall 2024 to present the results of the Environmental Screening and obtain feedback. A public notice will be issued before the meeting.

Project Contacts

For more information or to ask questions or provide comments, please visit our project webpage <https://www.npei.ca/info-resources/capital-projects/spring-creek-transformer-station>. Alternatively, you can email us at springcreek@npei.ca or call 1 (905) 356-2681 ext 6237



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