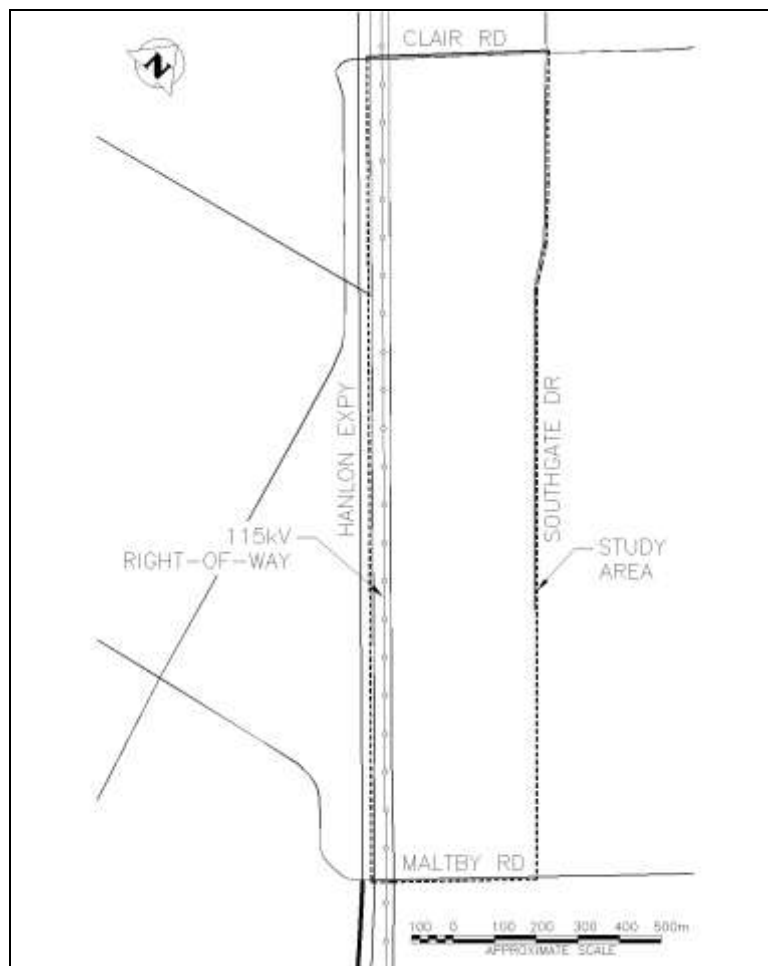


**Notice of Study Commencement
Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. Municipal Transformer Station No. 1
Class Environmental Assessment**

About the Project

Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. is commencing a plan to design, construct and operate a 115 to 13.8 kV municipal transformer station in the Hanlon Expressway corridor from Maltby Road to Clair Road West in the City of Guelph. The proposed undertaking would step-down electricity from the existing 115 kV transmission network to provide a reliable source of power to address the increased demand of electricity from new development in Guelph.



About the Process

The project is subject to the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act*, in accordance with the *Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities* as required by Ontario *Regulation 116/01 – Electricity Projects*. The Class EA is conducted to select a preferred site following a specified planning and design process to identify environmental effects and evaluate alternative sites in the study area.

A comprehensive consultation process including government agencies and the public is being initiated by the Project Team. The next stage of the project will be a Public Information Centre (PIC) to provide details on the study, the assessment of alternative sites and to receive input and comments from interested parties on the preferred site. The PIC is scheduled for November 2009, and will be announced in local newspapers.

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) documenting the study will be prepared and made available to the public for a 30-day review period. Notices informing the public of the commencement of this review period will also be published in local newspapers.

Comments

If you would like more information about this project and would like to be put on the project mailing list, please contact:

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