

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities Essex Battery Energy Storage Project

November 21, 2022

Dear Resident,

We are writing to inform you that PR Development LP, an affiliate of Potentia Renewables Inc., is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities¹ ("Class EA") (Hydro One, 2022) to construct the Essex Battery Energy Storage Project ("Essex BESS" or the "Project") in the Municipality of Lakeshore. Essex BESS is designed with the intention of addressing the growing electricity needs of southwestern Ontario. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is forecasting a need for 4,000 Megawatt ("MW") by 2030 and is in the process of administering various procurement programs to address this need.

The proposed Project is a battery energy storage facility sized to provide up to 350 MW over four hours, (1400 Megawatt-hours). It occupies approximately 35 acres of land within the parcel located at 2873 Lakeshore Road 245. A map of the Project area is provided at the end of this Notice. The Project will connect to two 230 kilovolt lines within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s transmission system. The Project is subject to the Class EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

We invite you to join our upcoming community meeting to learn more about the proposed Project and to speak directly with members of our Project team. We look forward to seeing you on:

Thursday, December 8, 2022

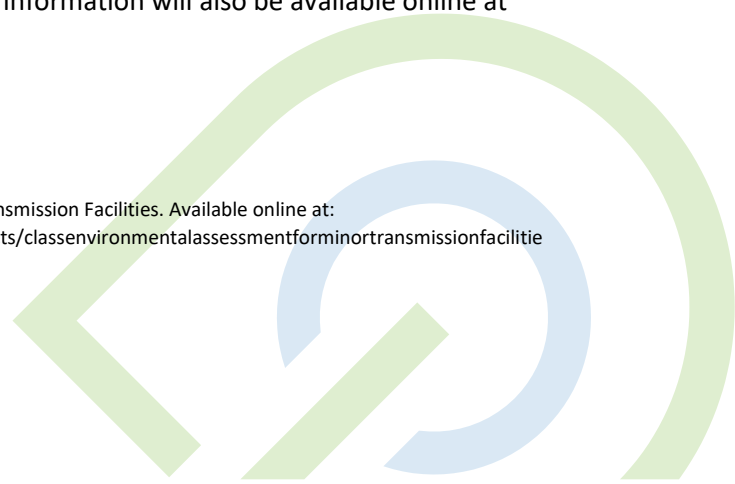
5:00 – 8:00 PM

**Maedel Community Centre – Huron Room
25 Gosfield Townline West, Essex**

We welcome your comments and questions regarding this Project. Should there be any update to the Project information provided, we will ensure you are promptly informed. Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process, construction could begin as early as the spring of 2024 and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2025.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the Project, please contact Will Patterson at info@essexbess.ca or (236) 808-5270. Project information will also be available online at www.essexbess.ca.

¹ Hydro One Networks Inc. 2022. Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities. Available online at: <https://www.hydroone.com/abouthydroone/CorporateInformation/majorprojects/classenvironmentalassessmentforminortransmissionfacilities/Documents/Class%20EA%20for%20Minor%20Transmission%20Facilities.pdf>



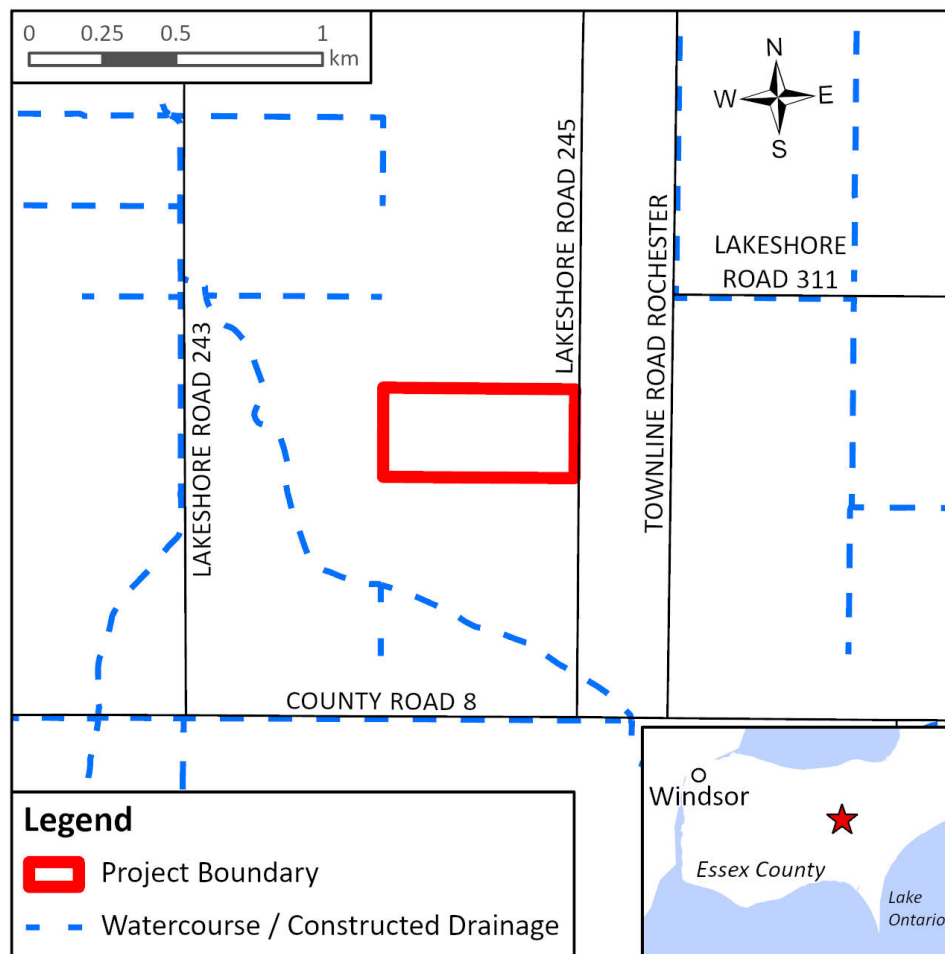
Your input is valued, and we look forward to meeting you at the meeting. Information regarding the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act can be viewed below².

Sincerely,



Will Paterson, P.Eng., PMP

Senior Manager, Project Development



² All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at foi.mecp@ontario.ca.