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Mayor George Bridge and Council
Town of Minto
5941 Highway 89
Harriston, ON N0G 1Z0

Re: Planned Palmerston Transformer Station Upgrade Near Your Community

Dear Mayor Bridge and Council:

I am writing to inform you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to upgrade Palmerston Transformer Station (TS). While the TS is located near Palmerston, it is within the Municipality of North Perth and adjacent to the Town of Minto. The project area is illustrated in the attached map.

Palmerston TS, built in the 1950's, has reached its end-of-life and key station components require upgrading to ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to the area. The project will include replacing the existing transformers with new, modern transformers and installing telecommunication equipment to safely monitor and protect the station.

A small, permanent expansion of the station footprint of approximately 25 m x 100 m will be required to accommodate the upgraded equipment. In addition, a temporary lay-down area is required to store equipment during construction. Some vegetation currently along the site perimeter will need to be removed to complete this project.

This project falls within the Class EA Screening Process as described under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Minor Transmission Facilities* (Ontario Hydro, 1992), an approval process under the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA was developed as a streamlined process to ensure that minor transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects are planned and carried out in an environmentally acceptable manner.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA Screening Process, construction may begin as early as November 2016, and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2018.

Hydro One has notified First Nations and Métis communities and will be notifying property owners adjacent to the work areas to advise them of the proposed project and the Class EA Screening Process.

We welcome your comments and feedback on this project. If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss the proposed work, please contact Jeff Hankin, Environmental Planner, at (416) 434-4849 or Jeff.Hankin@HydroOne.com.

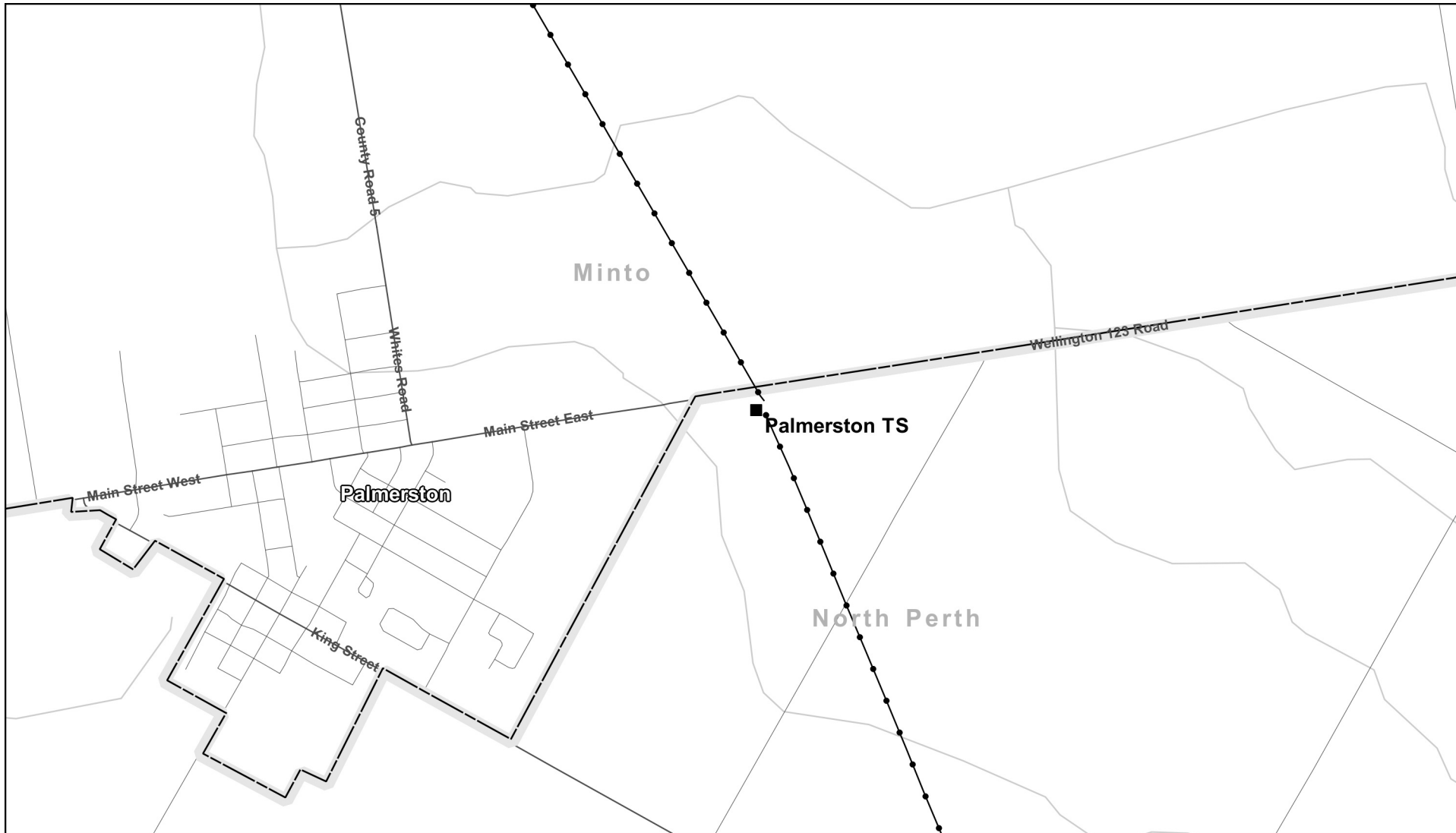
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "StHodsoll".

Stephanie Hodsoll
Public Affairs Officer

Enclosure: Project Location Map

cc: Bill White, CAO and Clerk, Town of Minto
Jeff Hankin, Environmental Planner, Hydro One



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Legend

- Palmerston TS
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- ▭ Municipal Boundary
- Water

Roads

- Arterial
- Highway
- Local

Palmerston TS Upgrade Project General Area Map

