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**Re: Update for Class Environmental Assessment: Proposed Westover to Copetown
Temporary Transmission Line Project**

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Council,

This letter is to update you regarding the ongoing Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to install a temporary 115 kilovolt (kV) wood and composite pole transmission line approximately 13 km in length in the City of Hamilton. This work is required to ensure continuous power supply to the Enbridge Westover Customer Transformer Station (CTS) during the refurbishment of an existing 115 kV line between Harpers Junction and the Enbridge Westover CTS.

Hydro One is continuing to conduct the Class EA process, in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Since the initiation of the Class EA in spring 2019, Hydro One's project team has:

- Continued to receive feedback about the Class EA through responses to public notices and the Public Information Centre that was held on July 31, 2019;
- Met with interested community members, stakeholders and First Nation communities to gather information about the proposed work and project area; and
- Completed technical studies to understand the environmental conditions within the project area.

Based on our work to date, it has been determined additional environmental technical studies are required for the project. As a result, the Class EA has been extended to Summer 2020. This extra time will ensure Hydro One is aware of the predictable range of effects from the project and that feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures are in place.

Due to the extension of the Class EA, Hydro One anticipates work on the temporary transmission line to begin in Fall 2020. The line will be installed for a duration of approximately two years. The extension also impacts the work for the refurbishment of the transmission line between Burlington TS to Enbridge Westover CTS, which is anticipated to resume in Summer 2021.

We welcome your comments and feedback regarding this project. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this project, please contact me at Hydro One's Community Relations Department at 416-345-6799 or Community.Relations@HydroOne.com.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosed (1 Class EA study area map)

cc:

Councillor Lloyd Ferguson, Ward 12, City of Hamilton

Councillor Arlene VanderBeek, Ward 13, City of Hamilton

Rose Caterini, City Clerk, City of Hamilton

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