

May 2025

Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) has completed a draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the proposed Mer-Bleue Municipal Transformer Station project. The purpose of the undertaking is to ensure an adequate and reliable supply of power to meet the growing electricity needs in the east end of the city of Ottawa. The proposed project consists of a new 27.6kV municipal transformer station (MTS) on the west side of the intersection at Brian Coburn Boulevard.

The need for new facilities was identified through the Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) for the Ottawa area. Released in March 2020, the IRRP is a twenty-year plan that has been developed by a regional planning working group consisting of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Hydro Ottawa and Hydro One. This project is subject to the provincial Environmental Assessment Act and is being planned in accordance with the approved Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Class EA) process. Subject to the outcome of the Class EA, construction may begin as early as September 2025.

How to provide input

In accordance with the Class EA process, Hydro Ottawa is providing notice of their intent to proceed with the project. The draft ESR will be available for a 30 day public review and comment period from May 12, 2025 to June 12, 2025. The draft ESR can be viewed on the project website at www.hydroottawa.com/merbleue or in hard copy form at the following location:

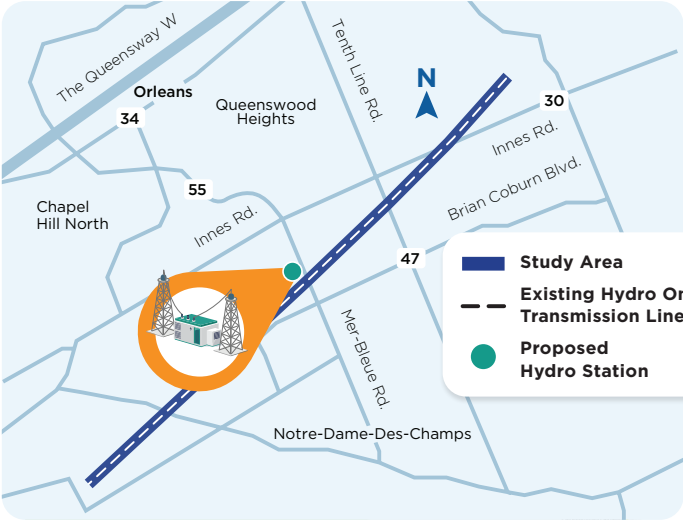
François Dupuis recreation centre
2263 Portobello Boulevard
Ottawa, ON, K4A 0X3

Written comments and questions on the draft ESR must be received by Hydro Ottawa no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 12, 2025. Please address your correspondence to:

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Ottawa, ON K1G 3S4

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Phone: (613) 738-5499, ext: 7339



Hydro Ottawa will respond to, and make best efforts to, resolve any issues raised during the review period. If no issues are raised during the review period, Hydro Ottawa will finalize the ESR and file it with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The project will be considered acceptable and may proceed as outlined in the ESR.

Section 16 requests

The Environmental Assessment Act, as amended through the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, allows a person with concerns pertaining to potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal or treaty rights, that have not been addressed through the Class Environmental Assessment process to request under Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) that the Minister make an order requiring an individual environmental assessment or that conditions be imposed on the project. Such requests must be addressed in writing to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, as well as to the Director of the Environmental Assessment Branch, and received no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 12, 2025, at the following addresses:

Minister
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Email: Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director
Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair West, 1st Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
Email: EABDirector@ontario.ca

To submit your Section 16(6) Order request, you should provide the following: your name, address and email address; project name; proponent name; what kind of Order is being requested (a request for additional conditions or a request for an individual environmental assessment); details about your concerns about potential adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights and how the proposed Order may prevent, mitigate or remedy the identified adverse impacts; whether you belong to, represent or have spoken with an Indigenous community whose constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights may be adversely impacted by the proposed project; whether you have raised your concerns with the proponent, the proponent's response (if any) and why the concerns could not be resolved with the proponent; any other information to support your request. The project can legally proceed under the EAA if no Section 16 Order requests are submitted during the comment period.

Please note that a duplicate copy of a Section 16 request must also be sent to Hydro Ottawa at the previously noted address.

We look forward to speaking with you

As part of the consultation process, a second community information session is being held during the Environmental Study Report public review and comment period. Members of the public are invited to attend our upcoming community information sessions to learn about the Environmental Study Report findings, speak directly to members of our project team, and provide feedback. Please join us at one of our sessions:

Community information session 2

Afternoon virtual session
May 21, 2025
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Visit hydroottawa.com/merbleue to register for our afternoon event

Evening virtual session
May 21, 2025
6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Visit hydroottawa.com/merbleue to register for our evening event

For more information

Email: merbleue@hydroottawa.com
Project website: www.hydroottawa.com/merbleue
Class EA process: www.ontario.ca/page/class-ea-minor-transmission-facilities

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 (416) 327-1434.