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Councillor Shad Qadri
Ward 6 – Stittsville-Kanata West
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1

September 14, 2009

Re: Notice of commencement of an Environmental Assessment study for a transformer station project in West Ottawa

Dear Councillor Qadri,

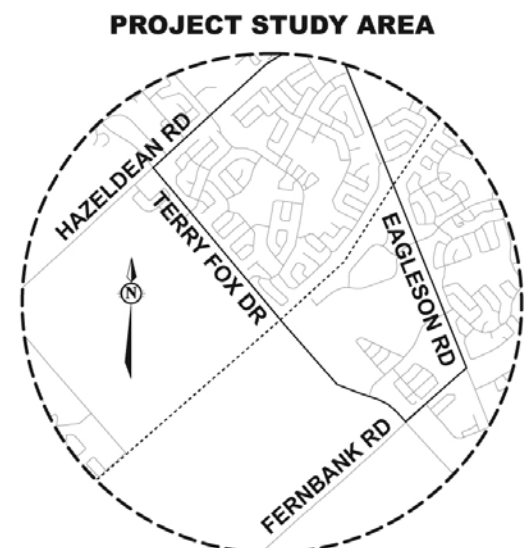
I am writing to inform you about a Class Environmental Assessment study which will be occurring in a neighbouring ward.

Hydro Ottawa recognizes the importance of a reliable supply of electricity to its customers, and routinely evaluates the reliability and capacity of the electricity distribution system. We have assessed the electrical supply needs in the west end of the City and, due to a significant load growth, have determined that there is a need to construct a new Municipal Transformer Station.

The proposed station will receive electrical energy from an existing 230 kilovolt transmission line in the Hydro One Networks Inc. transmission corridor, and convert this energy to lower voltages so that it can be distributed through Hydro Ottawa's electrical systems to homes and businesses. The new station is required by 2011 and will improve the reliability of supply to the area.

The project is subject to provincial *Environmental Assessment Act* approval, in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities*. The project study area is defined by Fernbank Road to the south, Terry Fox Drive to the west, Hazeldean Road to the north and Eagleson Road to the east as shown in the map below.

Hydro Ottawa will identify and evaluate a number of potential sites within this area in order to determine the preferred location for the proposed transformer station. The selected site will have the most advantages and fewest disadvantages.





Hydro Ottawa will hold a public information session to provide details on the study and the assessment of the proposed sites. At this session, interested parties will have the opportunity to share their input and comments on the recommended site. The public information session will be announced in mid-October 2009 and held at the end of November 2009.

Please find attached a letter to all residents and businesses within the project study area. This letter informs all constituents about the Class EA process. As part of this Class EA, Hydro Ottawa has also notified the required national, provincial and local agencies.

For more information, feel free to contact Rosemary Walsh, Manager, Communications and Public Affairs. She can be reached by email at rosemarywalsh@hydroottawa.com or by phone at 613-738-5499 extension 7623.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-738-5499 extension 526 or via email at normfraser@hydroottawa.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "NF", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Norm Fraser
Chief Operating Officer, Hydro Ottawa Limited