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**Re: Notice of Commencement of an Environmental Assessment Study
Transformer Station Project - West Ottawa**

Dear Customer,

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.

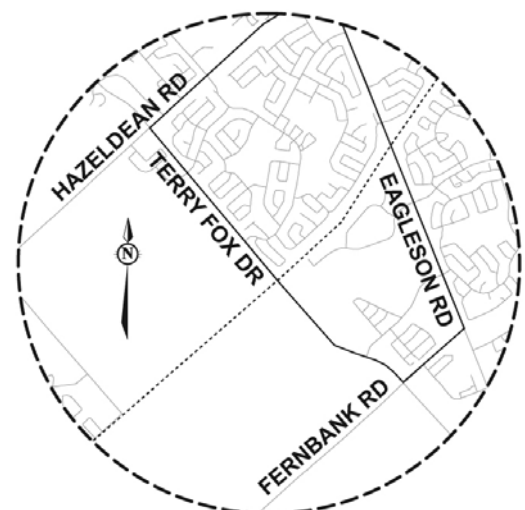
The proposed station will receive electrical energy from a 230 kilovolt transmission line in the existing Hydro One Networks Inc. transmission corridor, and convert this energy to lower voltages so that it can be distributed through Hydro Ottawa's electrical systems to homes and businesses. The new station 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.

PROJECT STUDY AREA





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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franz Kropp".

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