

## **Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference Marmora Clean Energy Hub Project**

Ontario Power Generation and Northland Power Inc. (together the proponents) are commencing a study under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed Marmora Clean Energy Hub (the Project). The Project seeks to repurpose the abandoned open pit and inactive mining lands into a 400 megawatt (MW) closed-loop pumped storage hydroelectric facility, complemented by approximately 30 MW of ground-mounted solar (see map). Power will be transmitted via a new underground transmission line to a switching station located up to 10 kilometres north of the former mine site, connecting to an existing 230-kV Hydro One transmission corridor. The pumped storage hydroelectric facility is the only component that is subject to the EAA. The transmission line is subject to Class Environmental Assessment requirements but will be assessed through the Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) process, and the solar facility will require an Environmental Compliance Approval.

### **The Process**

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the EAA. The first step of the process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR will set out the proponent's framework and work plan for addressing the EAA requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the studies, the alternatives that will be considered, and the public consultation activities that will be carried out to evaluate alternatives and predict potential adverse impacts and mitigation. If approved by the Minister, the TOR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA.

### **Consultation**

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities, municipal officials and other interested parties are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting the proponents directly with comments

or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout the planning process, including the draft ToR will be advertised through newspapers, e-mail, social media, radio, and the Project website (**[marmorapumpedstorage.com](http://marmorapumpedstorage.com)**). This Project is also being considered under the Federal Impact Assessment Act and details are available on the Project website.

If you would like to provide comments, have questions, or would like to be added to the Project mailing list, please contact the OPG and NPI representatives listed below.

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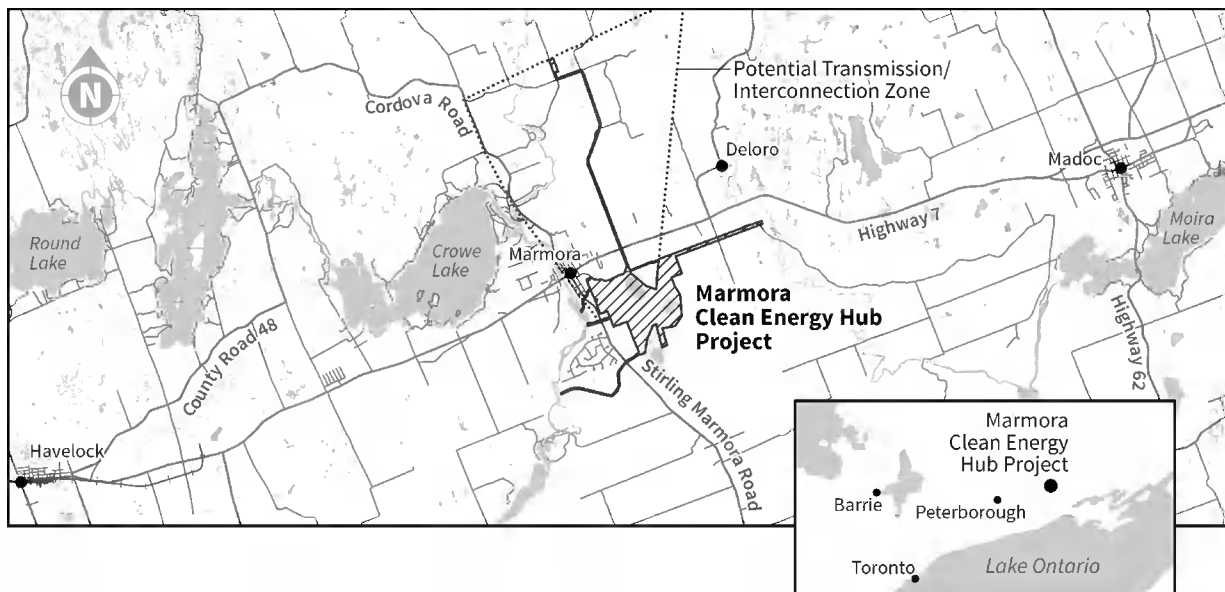
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