

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT AND FIRST OPEN HOUSE FOR THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING UNDER THE ONTARIO WATERPOWER ASSOCIATION CLASS EA FOR WATERPOWER PROJECTS: CONISTON GENERATING STATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to redevelop the existing Coniston Generating Station (GS). This Proposed Undertaking will involve an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) Class EA for Waterpower projects as a project Associated with Existing Infrastructure. Constructed in 1905, the existing station has an installed capacity of 4.6 megawatts (MW) and is now at its end of life stage. OPG intends to redevelop the site and increase the station's capacity to an installed capacity of up to 6 MW.

The Proposed Undertaking is on the Wanapitei River within the City of Greater Sudbury, Ontario, as detailed on the map below. OPG does not plan to alter the approved water levels and flows as described in the Wanapitei River Management Plan (WMP). As such, the anticipated zone of impact for the project is limited to the immediate area around the station (see shaded/hatched area on the map). A minor amendment to the WMP may be required under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act. This notice and public consultation process for the project under the Class EA is intended to coordinate and meet the notification requirements relevant to the planning stage of the project under both the Environmental Assessment Act and Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act statutes.

The Class EA process requires OPG to undertake an evaluation of the project to evaluate its potential effects to the environment (positive and negative) and prepare a detailed Environmental Report. The evaluation and resulting Environmental Report will assess the potential effects of the proposed waterpower project on the environment during both construction and operation. OPG has identified certain environmental components that it expects to be the focus of the proposed project. Consultation with Indigenous communities and the public is an integral component of this process, to allow interested parties to provide comments on the project. You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed. For information on the project proposal, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the project's mailing list, please contact one of the individuals identified below.

Over the next year, OPG will use the OWA Class EA process as a basis for coordinating all future consultation required for the planning stage of the Proposed Undertaking. If the project proceeds as scheduled, construction could commence in 2021.

To encourage public participation, OPG is scheduling two rounds of Open Houses. The first Open House is scheduled as follows:

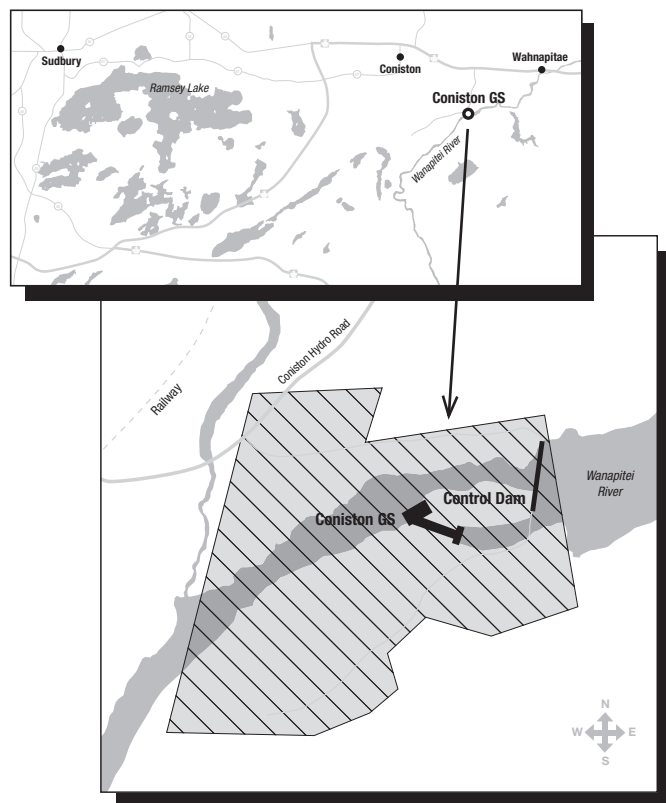
Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wahnapiatae Community Centre
161 Glenbowe Crescent, Wahnapiatae

The Open House will provide the public with more information about the Proposed Undertaking. Anyone who attends will have the opportunity to speak directly with representatives from OPG and their environmental consulting team with regard to the OWA Class EA.

OPG has retained Arcadis Canada Inc. to undertake the Class EA process. For more information, please contact:

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