

NOTICE OF UPDATE AND VIRTUAL CONSULTATION OPTIONS FOR THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING UNDER THE ONTARIO WATERPOWER ASSOCIATION CLASS EA FOR WATERPOWER PROJECTS: CONISTON GENERATING STATION LIFE EXTENSION 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 had an installed capacity of less than 5 megawatts (MW) and is now at its end-of-life stage, operating only at about 2 MW. OPG intends to redevelop the site and construct a new station with installed capacity of approximately 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 Water 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 to describe the new facility. 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 provincial Environmental Assessment Act and Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act statutes and the federal Fisheries Act and Navigable Waters Act.

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.

Ontario Power Generation has advanced the Project to the point where normally a second Open House would be held. At this stage in the Project, OPG will be presenting a project site layout and will also describe likely environmental effects and recommended mitigation and monitoring measures.

Due to COVID-19, OPG has decided an in-person Open House is not a practical and safe alternative. In place of an Open House, OPG has identified four alternatives for consultation on the Project.

- Presentation Panels with narration that would normally be available at an Open House will be available on the Project website: www.conistongs.com starting March 7, 2022.
- Presentation Panels in PDF format will be available on the Project website: www.conistongs.com starting March 7, 2022.
- Presentation Panels will be mailed in hard copy or email to individuals who request them. Please contact one of the individuals below if you want a hard copy mailed to you.
- If you want to talk about the Project on the phone or via an on-line option such as Microsoft Teams, please contact one of the individuals listed below.

A Comment Sheet is available on-line at www.conistongs.com or if you request a hard copy of the presentation panels a Comment Sheet can be mailed to you. OPG is requesting that any comments on the Project be sent or given to OPG and/or its representatives below by March 21, 2022.

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

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Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

