

Enbridge Community Engagement Plan – Battery Energy Storage in St. Clair Township

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Enbridge Inc. is a leading North American energy infrastructure company. We safely and reliably deliver the energy people need and want to fuel quality of life. Our core businesses include Liquids Pipelines, which transports approximately 30 percent of the crude oil produced in North America; Gas Transmission and Midstream, which transports approximately 20 percent of the natural gas consumed in the U.S.; Gas Distribution and Storage, which serves approximately 3.9 million retail customers in Ontario and Quebec; and Renewable Power Generation, which owns approximately 1,885 MW (net) in renewable power generation capacity in North America and Europe.

This communication plan sets out Enbridge's broader approach to community engagement regarding its planned Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects proposed in St. Clair Township, Lambton County, Ontario.

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Purpose of this Plan

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

Enbridge Inc. (Enbridge) is currently exploring the development of three battery energy storage system projects (the Projects) located in St. Clair, Ontario. The three Projects are known as “Tecumseh Farm Battery Energy Storage,” “Petrolia Battery Energy Storage” and “Dow Moore Battery Energy Storage.” This Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (Plan) serves as a guiding framework to facilitate the delivery of the consultation and reporting requirements for the Projects, including the development of an Environmental Assessment (EA) Report in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (MTF Class EA).



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Communications Approach

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS APPROACH

2.1 EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

The primary goals of external communications will be transparency and responsiveness. Enbridge will engage stakeholders, government agencies, and Indigenous communities about the Projects and their associated impacts and benefits.

The communications structure defined in this Plan will apply to external communications related to the MTF Class EA, including the consultation requirements defined there.

2.2 COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Effective and meaningful communication and engagement requires building trust, enhancing awareness of the Projects, and providing flexible consultation opportunities, issues resolution, and feedback. Key strategies to achieve successful engagement include:

- Identify a contact list of relevant stakeholders, government agencies, and Indigenous communities, updating this list as the MTF Class EA process proceeds.
- Set milestones to provide advance notification to stakeholders, government agencies and Indigenous communities of consultation opportunities and key milestones.
- Facilitate timely, meaningful, and ongoing consultation.
- Build trust through transparent and open dialogue.
- Track and document consultation activities, comments received, and their influence on the Projects.



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Stakeholder Engagement Plan

3.0 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The objective of this Plan is to engage with stakeholders, government agencies, and Indigenous communities to gain a better understanding of their priorities and concerns and how to effectively address these during Project development. Recommendations or comments will be documented, responded to as appropriate, incorporated into Project documentation, and integrated into the ongoing development of Project design.

3.2 CONSULTATION OBJECTIVES

This Plan provides an outline of consultation opportunities so that the Project is well understood, and that priorities and concerns can be considered and incorporated into Project planning, to the extent practicable. See Section 4 for identification of Stakeholders. With that in mind, the following objectives for consultation have been developed:

- Provide consultation opportunities that address the particular interests and needs of those consulted (including targeted materials and discussions, as appropriate)
- Provide for timely, open, transparent, effective, consistent, and proactive communications
- Foster and maintain positive and constructive relationships with parties that may be affected by decisions regarding the scope of the Project
- Build trust, understanding and support for transit initiatives.

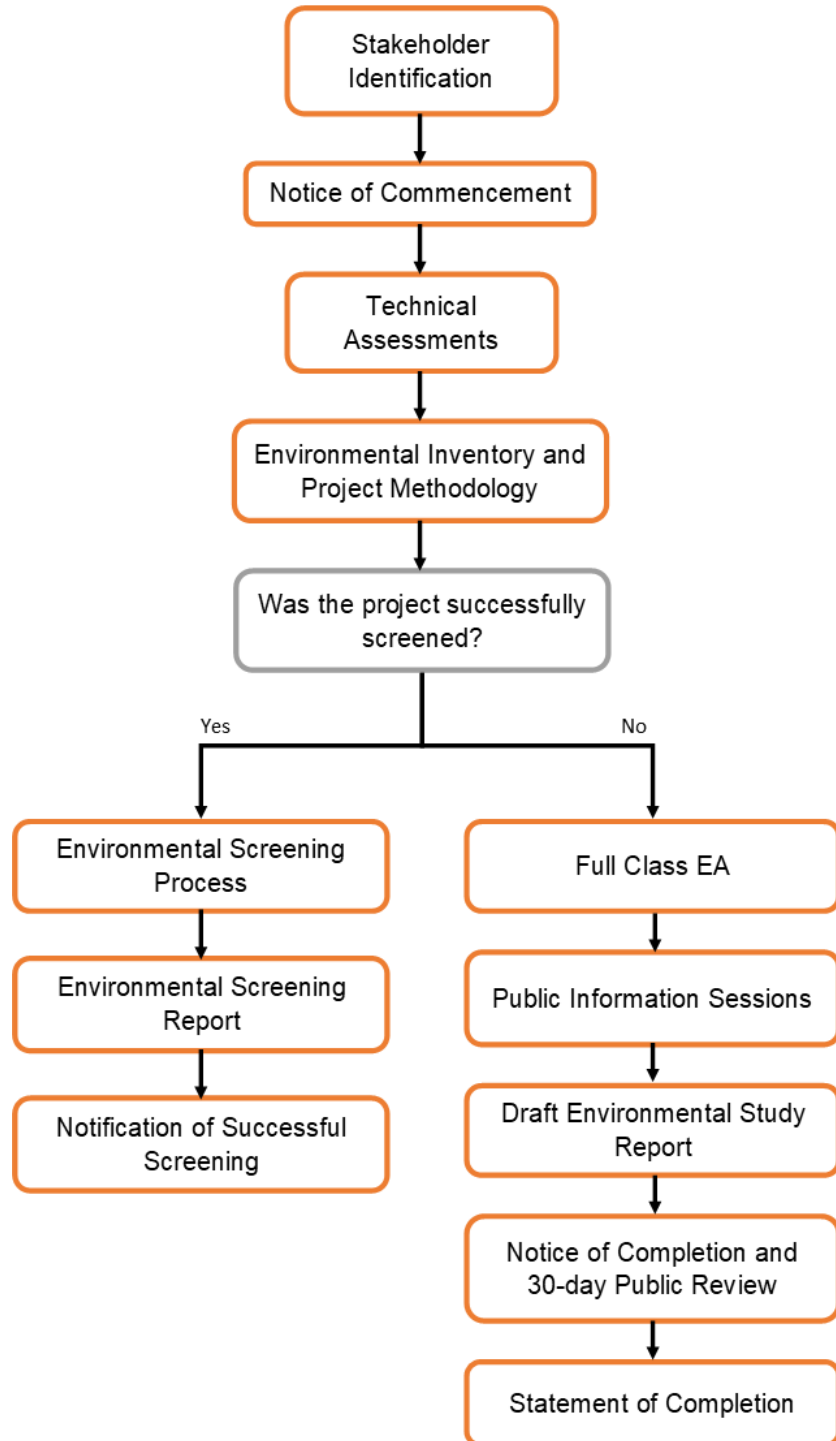
3.3 CONSULTATION PROCESS

Figure 3.1 represents the Key Consultation Milestones for the MTF Class EA process. Consultation will be ongoing during the Class EA process, including meetings on an as-needed basis in advance of, and throughout the duration of, the MTF Class EA process.

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Figure 3.1 Key Consultation Milestones for the MTF Class EA



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Engagement of Interested Parties

4.0 ENGAGEMENT OF INTERESTED PARTIES

The EA will include the following information:

- which engagement methods and tools were used, and how
- complete list of those consulted
- summary of incoming and outgoing correspondence
- summary of themes identified, to be considered for the Project

The following is a preliminary list of expected interested parties, and an overview of proposed consultation methods.

4.1 INTERESTED PARTIES

The contact list for the Project is expected to evolve throughout the Projects, based on the level of interest expressed by individuals or additional guidance received. Interested parties that will be consulted on the Project include:

- Lambton County
- St. Clair Township
- Upper Thames Valley Conservation Authority (UTVCA)
- St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA)
- Government Agencies
- Utilities
- Members of the Public and Community Organizations
- Neighbouring property owners
- Indigenous communities
- Non-profit/non-governmental interest groups

Contact lists will be regularly updated to include all who have submitted comments or demonstrated an interest in the Project. Key strategies and considerations to engage interested parties are described below.

4.1.1 Municipalities

Key municipal contacts at Lambton County and St. Clair Township will include relevant clerk, operations, EMS, planning, and engineering staff.

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4.1.2 St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

The SCRCA guards against the risks posed by flooding, erosion, and other natural hazards by regulating development in the watershed. SCRCA administers the *Conservation Authorities Act* and *O. Reg. 171/06: Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*.

During the MTF Class EA, Enbridge will consider the likelihood of potential impacts to features in SCRCA's jurisdiction and Enbridge will consult with SCRCA as necessary to confirm mitigation measures to reduce those impacts.

4.1.3 Upper Thames Region Conservation Authority

The source water for the Project areas comes from the Thames River. The upper watershed of the Thames River is protected by the UTRCA. Therefore, Enbridge will consult with the UTRCA. Consultation with UTRCA will focus on providing UTRCA with information on the Project and confirming UTRCA areas of interest, if any.

4.1.4 Government Agencies

Provincial government agencies that may have a regulatory mandate or decision-making authority linked to the Projects will be sent the required Notices and can direct Enbridge on future correspondence.

Key contact points will include initial updates to confirm interest in the Projects, and ongoing consultation based on each agency's level of interest, regulatory issues raised, and appropriate strategies to resolve issues.

Key government agencies that will be consulted on the Project include:

Provincial Agencies

- Infrastructure Ontario
- MECP
- Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Ministry of Energy
- Ontario Heritage Trust
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Agency consultation will also include outreach to local, federal and provincial elected officials.

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4.1.5 Members of the Public and Organizations

Public consultation will include the issuance of Notices at key EA milestones. In addition, information will be provided to the public related to potential effects, mitigation measures, and benefits of the Project. Also, in support of the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) Expedited Long-Term Request for Proposals (ELT1-RFP), this communications plan will be communicated via the Project websites. Local sensitivities will need to be considered on a case-by-case basis to confirm local priorities and the need for targeted meetings.

Key organizations will include:

- local communities, landowners, businesses, and the general public
- other community organizations (e.g., Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership)

4.1.6 Municipal Elected Officials

Consultation with elected officials will form an important part of Project planning, with a focus on early notification of upcoming activities related to municipal meetings and public communication. Enbridge will consult with elected officials, including identifying key officials to be contacted, and arranging necessary communications and meetings.

4.1.7 Indigenous Communities

Indigenous consultation is important to the development of the Projects and to Enbridge's broader commitment to Indigenous partnerships and consultation. Ongoing consultation will keep communities informed of the Project and engaged in decision-making, depending on their individual levels of interest.

Enbridge has developed professional working relationships with many Indigenous communities in southern Ontario. As communities are contacted by Enbridge, they will be asked to confirm their interest, if any, in the community engagement for the Projects, provide input on how they perceive their Aboriginal or Treaty rights to be affected by the Projects, and confirm preferred engagement methods.

Feedback and input received from Indigenous communities regarding any potential impacts on their Aboriginal or Treaty rights will be incorporated as appropriate into Project design.

4.2 OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

Interested parties will be engaged in a number of ways throughout the Projects, including the following general activities. Note that a more detailed schedule of key consultation points and deliverables will be developed and shared via the Projects' websites as consultation activities take place.

4.2.1 Public Notices

Enbridge will prepare and submit:

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- Initial Notification (i.e., Notice of Commencement)
- Notice of Public Meeting

If an Environmental Study Report is required, a Notice of Completion will also be prepared.

Notices will be posted on the Project websites by Enbridge and may include publishing in local newspapers. For the initial outreach and future public meeting notices, Enbridge will prepare template letters and will mail them to the contact list.

Enbridge will submit its Statement of Completion, as required, to MECP after the Final Review Period (30 days after the Notice of Completion) is complete.

4.2.2 Public Meetings

Enbridge will hold at least one public meeting for each of the projects prior to bid submission. Post-contract award, it will also hold at least two public meetings for the Environmental Study Report for each of the Projects that have been awarded contracts to gather input as part of the MTF Class EA process. The need for public meetings may be revisited as the Projects progress, based on issues, trends, and consultation needs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related concerns regarding social distancing and indoor gathering restrictions, the public meeting(s) may be held virtually.

Enbridge Power will prepare all necessary materials with consideration for the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*. Any public reports will also adhere to the AODA.

A comment period of 14 days will follow all public meetings. Comments received will be logged and included in Project design work.

4.2.3 Meetings

Enbridge will hold, and remain open to having, ongoing discussions throughout the engagement process with the intent to solicit feedback on the Projects and resolve any outstanding concerns. Initial engagement will include offers for introductory meetings with key regulators and Indigenous communities, to introduce the Project and answer questions regarding the Project.

4.2.4 Project Website

Enbridge will maintain a dedicated Project website for each of the three Projects with information about the Project and relevant documents, including contact information. The websites will include key communications plan details in an easy to read format, including why the Projects are needed, the planned location and maximum size, public meeting notices, materials, and Q&A, and next steps in the IESO and consultation processes. The project websites will be updated as the process unfolds and additional detail on future public meetings, documentation, and the EA becomes available so that they become a useful repository of Project information and provide clear process guidance throughout the consultation process for all stakeholders.

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Enbridge looks forward to consulting with members of the public, Indigenous Communities, local and provincial officials and all others interested in the Projects. Interested parties can reach out with questions or comments any time at power.operations@enbridge.com