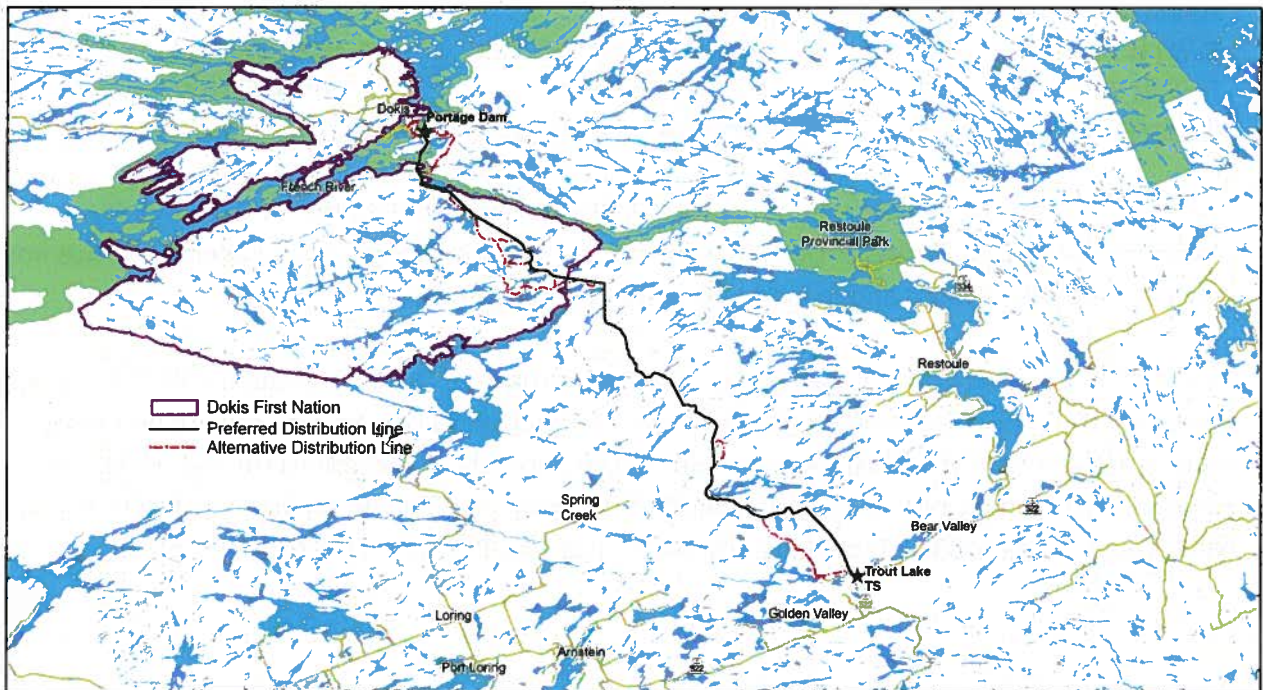


Initial Public Notice

Okikendawt Hydroelectric Project Distribution Line: Dokis to Golden Valley, Ontario

Hydromega Services Inc. in partnership with the Dokis First Nation is undertaking an environmental assessment for the proposed development of a hydroelectric generating station at the Portage Dam on the French River near Dokis, Ontario. The associated electrical distribution line would originate at the dam and extend to Highway 522, near the Village of Golden Valley (District of Parry Sound) where it would connect to the Trout Lake Transformer Station (approximately 32.5km).

The proposed 44 kV line would consist of wood poles extending approximately 20m above ground, erected approximately every 100 meters. The project's study area, proposed route and possible alternatives are identified on the accompanying map.



The proposed distribution line project is subject to the provisions of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Class EA for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects and the Class EA for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves. The proposal has been evaluated as a Category C project and will require the preparation of an Environmental Study Report (ESR). The distribution line project is being undertaken in association with the development of the hydroelectric generation station at the Portage Dam which is undergoing a Federal screening under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

The ESR will assess the potential effects of the proposed distribution line project on the environment during its construction, operation and maintenance. Mitigation measures will be identified and described to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects of the proposed distribution line. The measures identified will relate to specific environmental effects and will be taken from applicable legislation, standards, guidelines, best practices, experience, and other recognized sources and from public consultation.

Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which will expire on July 28, 2010. A package of additional information has been prepared for interested parties. To obtain the package, to discuss the project, to provide comments or to be placed on the project mailing list, please contact:

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There will be another opportunity for public comment during the Notice of Opportunity to Inspect the Draft ESR- Project Proposal. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to discuss any concerns with those listed above, early on in the planning process.

Personal information is being collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act. MNR and the proponents will use the personal information to contact you (where necessary) with updates around this Class EA. For more information about the collection and use of your personal information, please contact Amanda McCloskey, Acting District Planner, North Bay MNR District Office, 3301 Trout Lake Rd, North Bay On, P1A 4L7. (T) (705) 475-5546.