

Public Engagement Program
Round 1 Public Open House Storyboards

Pointe du Bois Transmission Project Open House

Welcome

Purpose of the Open House

Manitoba Hydro is holding this open house to:

- Share project information.
- Provide information on site selection and environmental assessment processes.
- Discuss comments, provide answers and identify potential concerns.
- Collect input on the General Project Area that will assist us in developing a preferred route for the Project.



Need for the Project

- Existing 66-kV transmission lines from Pointe du Bois to Winnipeg have reached the end of their serviceable life.
- The proposed project replaces the existing 66-kV lines, improving system reliability.
- Other related system improvements that have been completed will facilitate the transfer of energy from this new transmission line to Winnipeg.

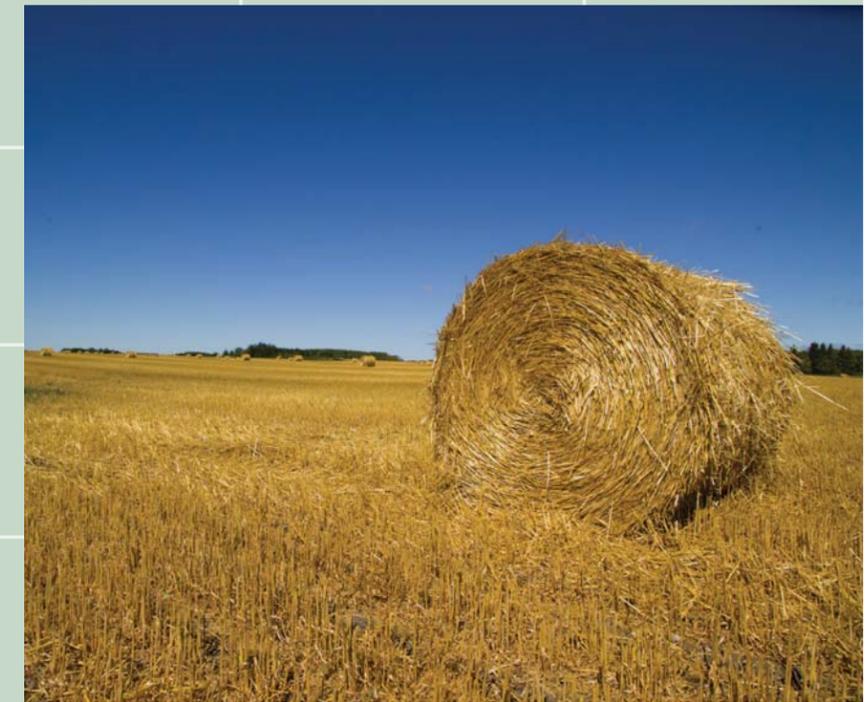
Project Description

- Construction of a 115-kV transmission line:
 - approximately 45 kilometres in length in a 60-meter right-of-way from the Pointe du Bois Station to the Whiteshell Station, located south of Lac du Bonnet near Seven Sisters Falls.
- Includes minor upgrades to both the Pointe du Bois and Whiteshell stations.



Other Activities

- Decommission and salvage of the 66-kV transmission lines from Pointe du Bois to Winnipeg.
- Transmission line salvage will commence this summer, starting in Winnipeg and moving northeast.



Public Engagement Process

- Public engagement is integral to Manitoba Hydro's environmental assessment work.
- Manitoba Hydro is committed to sharing information with First Nations, the Manitoba Métis Federation, stakeholders and local residents.
- Local knowledge will enhance the environmental assessment and lead to improved mitigation measures in order to minimize effects on people and the environment.



Project Timeline

Round 1 - May/June

- Introduce the project.
- Describe the route selection process.
- Outline the regulatory process and timelines.
- Receive input to be utilized in the selection of the route.
- Document what was heard.

We are here.

Round 2 - July/August

- Present preliminary route.
- Identify and document any concerns with the route and/or the project.
- Consider potential project-based effects.
- Identify mitigation measures.
- Document what was heard.

Next Steps

- Confirmation of the preferred route.
- Submission of the Environmental Assessment Report.
- Regulatory authorities review report.
- Construction.
- In service spring/summer 2016.

Site Selection Process

A site selection process will determine a transmission line route based on technical, ecological, social, land use and economic factors as well as public input.

Site selection process steps include:

- Study area delineation.
- Identification of route selection factors.
- Route selection factor scoring and weighting.
- Identification of preliminary route.
- Finalization of preferred route.
- Environmental Assessment of preferred route.



Regulatory Process & Environmental Assessment

The Project will require a Class 2 Licence under *The Environment Act* (Manitoba).

The Project's Environmental Assessment Report will be submitted to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship for review and approval.

A public review process will take place following submission.

If Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship grants Manitoba Hydro a project licence, construction is anticipated to begin in late 2014.

Regulatory Process & Environmental Assessment

The Environmental Assessment Report includes:

- Study area characterization, i.e., biophysical and socio-economic environment.
- Identification of potential effects of the project on the environment and people.
- Mitigation measures that will help avoid/reduce potential effects as well as enhance positive project effects.
- Development of follow up and monitoring activities as necessary.



Thank you

Please complete a comment form and leave it with a Manitoba Hydro representative.

Thank you for attending the Open House and providing feedback on the proposed Pointe du Bois Transmission Project.

