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**RE: City of London – Third Draft of City of London Official Plan- Implications for electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems**

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FOTENN Consultants Inc., on behalf of Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI), has reviewed the third draft of the City of London Official Plan, dated May 2016.

Infrastructure Ontario is the strategic manager of the provincial government’s real property, which includes hydro corridor lands, and has a mandate of maintaining and optimizing value of the portfolio. This letter identifies issues and recommendations related to the Third Draft of the City of London Official Plan, dated May 2016, in order to ensure the protection of hydro corridor lands for their primary intended use, the transmission and distribution of electricity, while facilitating appropriate secondary land uses. As you are aware, IO submitted a comment letter to the City of London dated July 30, 2014, in response to the May 2014 draft of the Official Plan.

## **Issue**

### **1. Terminology**

Some inconsistencies in terminology remain in the Draft Official Plan. Currently, the terms “utility corridors,” “utility easements,” “hydro-electric power facilities and transmission lines,” and “rights-of-way” are used throughout the draft Official Plan, but these terms are not defined in the Glossary of Terms on page 413 of the Plan.

**Recommendation 1:** We recommend that the PPS definition “electricity generation facilities and electricity transmission and distribution systems” be used consistently throughout the

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Official Plan, including where the term “hydro-electric power facilities and transmission lines” is currently used.

**Recommendation 2:** We recommend that any retained terms from the above list be defined in the Glossary of Terms to clarify their meaning. Specifically, the definition for “utility” should include “electricity generation facilities and electricity transmission and distribution systems.”

We request that this letter be included as part of the record of submission on the Official Plan update and that we be notified of any decisions regarding these matters.

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We thank Staff for considering our comments and recommendations. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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