

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities Heartwood Battery Energy Storage Project

October 13, 2023

Attention: Doug Robertson

CAO of Merrickville-Wolford

P.O. Box 340 317 Brock Street West,
Merrickville, Ontario, K0G 1N0

SENT BY EMAIL: cao@merrickville-wolford.ca

Reference: Notice of Commencement and Upcoming Community Meeting on November 6th, 2023

Dear Mr. Robertson,

We are writing to inform you that Heartwood BESS Limited Partnership (the “Proponent”), a controlled subsidiary of PR Development LP (the “Qualified Applicant”, an affiliate of Potentia Renewables Inc), is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities¹ (“Class EA”) (Hydro One, 2022) to construct the Heartwood Battery Energy Storage Project (“Heartwood BESS” or the “Project”) in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford. Heartwood BESS is proposed to increase the electrical grids capacity to meet growing electricity needs. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is forecasting a need for 4,000 Megawatt (“MW”) by 2030 and is in the process of administering various procurement programs to address this need.

The proposed Project is a lithium-ion battery energy storage facility sized to provide up to 360 MW over four hours, (1440 Megawatt-hours). It occupies approximately 20 acres of land located on the southeast side of Weedmark Road, east of Yule Road. A map of the Project Site is provided at the end of this Notice. The Project is subject to the Class EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

We invite you to join our upcoming community meeting to learn more about the proposed Project and to speak directly with members of our Project team. We look forward to seeing you on:

Monday November 6th, 2023
5:00 – 8:00 PM
Centennial Hall
43 Park St, Jasper, ON K0G 1G0

We welcome your comments and questions regarding this Project. Should there be any update to the Project information provided, we will ensure you are promptly informed. Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process, construction could begin as early as the spring of 2025 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

¹ Hydro One Networks Inc. 2022. Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities. Available online at: <https://www.hydroone.com/abouthydroone/CorporateInformation/majorprojects/classenvironmentalassessmentforminortransmissionfacilities/Documents/Class%20EA%20for%20Minor%20Transmission%20Facilities.pdf>

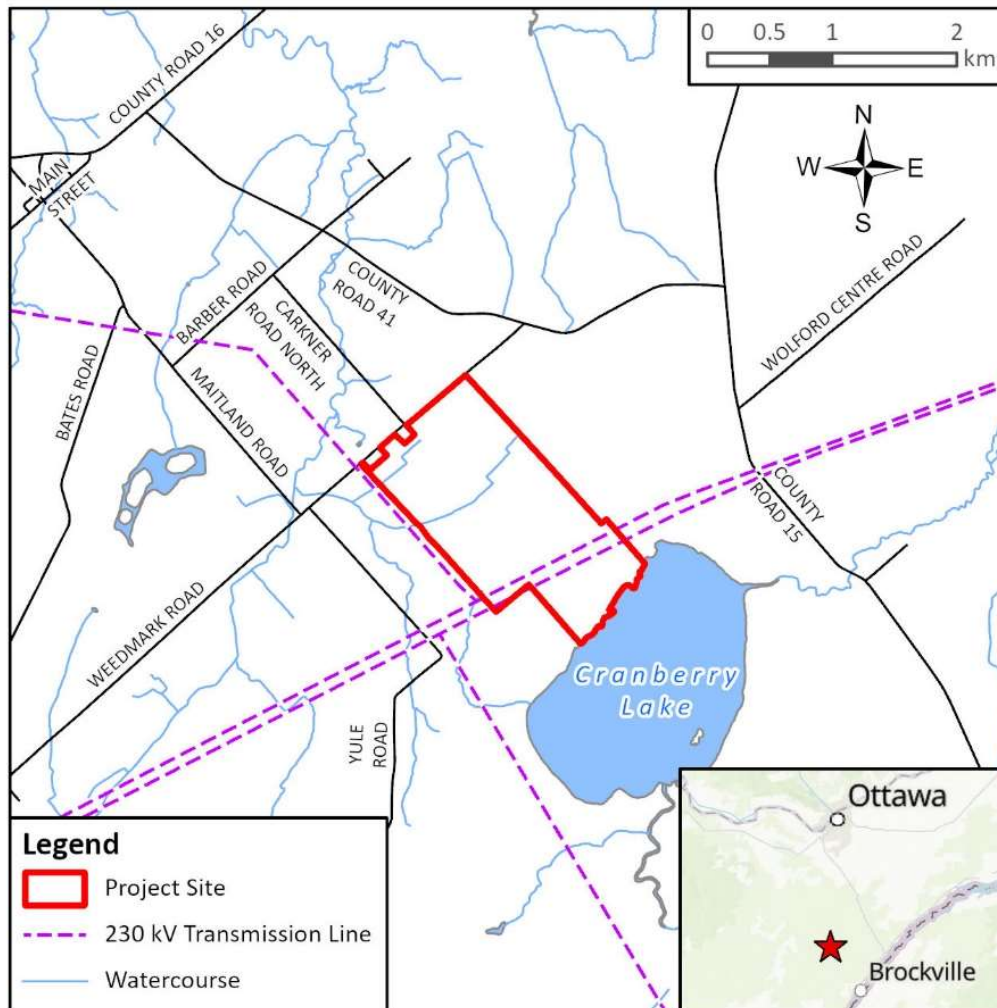
If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the Project, please contact Will Patterson at info@heartwoodbess.ca or (236) 808-5270. Project information will also be available online at www.heartwoodbess.ca.

Your input is valued, and we look forward to meeting you at the meeting. Information regarding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* can be viewed below².

Sincerely,



Will Paterson, P.Eng., PMP
Senior Manager, Project Development



² All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at foi.mecp@ontario.ca.