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Consultation Precedes Dismantlement of Hydro Lines

(Kahnawà:ke – 05, June 2020) Lot owners and land users across a 9 km stretch of Kahnawà:ke commonly known as Hydro Line 2, are being invited to participate in a personal interview during the period of June 15-26, 2020, to provide information on activities occurring in the area. Interviews are being conducted as part of a broader study of the area, which includes ongoing environmental and technical research.

The objective of the study is to collect and document information about activities taking place in the past two years, with the purpose of assessing impacts of the dismantlement work and proposing mitigation measures, if required. The environmental and technical studies have included an assessment of exotic and special status plants, chorus frogs, snakes, wetlands, soil characterization, archaeology and land use.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions the interview team, an anthropologist and cartographer from the infrastructure firm AECOM, will administer interviews remotely via web conferencing. Participants will be situated at a computer inside a temporary office, established at Avery's Guest and Meeting Facilities in Kahnawà:ke. PlanIT Consulting & Communications will be on hand to assist with administering the interviews, while ensuring COVID-19 safety protocols are in place.

In 2018, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke and Hydro-Québec agreed to the dismantlement of Hydro Line 2 (A&B) on the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawà:ke. The 1201 and 1202 circuits are two 120 kV lines that run in parallel from the Beauharnois power station on the South Shore to the Aqueduct substation in Montreal. The lines are scheduled to be dismantled during the winter of 2021.

Data collected will be used exclusively for the purpose of the study, and turned over to the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke upon completion. Interested community members are encouraged to contact Charleen Schurman of PlanIT Consulting and Communications, to schedule an interview.

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