# **Notice of Commencement**

# Vaughan Municipal Transformer Station (MTS) #6 - Class Environmental Assessment

#### THE STUDY

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for a proposed 230 kiloVolt (kV) Municipal Transformer Station (MTS) (Vaughan MTS #6) with a capacity of 170 Mega Volt Ampere (MVA) in the City of Vaughan which will connect to an existing 230 kV transmission line. The new Vaughan MTS #6 will transform the high voltage (230 kV) to distribution voltage (27.6 kV) and provide capacity to an Alectra customer's new facility with a maximum demand of 108 MVA and planned operation in 2027. The Study Area is shown on the attached key map and online, in greater detail, at AlectraUtilities.com/VaughanMTS6.

#### THE PROCESS

This Study is subject to the <u>Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities</u> (Class EA for MTF) in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA for MTF is a streamlined process for planning transmission projects that have a predictable range of environmental effects and feasible mitigation measures that can be applied (www.hydroone.com/ClassEA).

Within the Class EA for MTF there are two tiers of assessment corresponding to project scale and potential for environmental effects. These include: i) Screening Process, and ii) Full Class EA Process. The Screening Process is a streamlined process for smaller scale projects with minimal environmental effects (confirmed upon satisfying 16 screening criteria). Based on consultation activities and fulfillment of the 16 screening criteria, this Study will follow the Screening Process.

Once the Class EA process is successfully completed, construction could commence as early as May 2025, and be completed by end of year 2026.

#### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Public engagement is an important component of the Class EA, and Alectra will consult and engage with interested stakeholders, including the public, Indigenous communities, local businesses, regulatory agencies, and interest groups throughout the Study.

You are encouraged to visit <u>AlectraUtilities.com/VaughanMTS6</u>, where information about the project will be made available as the Study progresses. To provide comments, request additional information or to be added to the Project mailing list, please contact the following Project Team members or visit our website.

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