





**> HYDRO OTTAWA PLANT RELOCATION
DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR CITY OF
OTTAWA STAFF**

Design Supervisors



AGENDA

- Information Required by Hydro Ottawa to provide Detailed Design & Estimates
- Deposits
- Scheduling of Work
- Design Considerations
- Other Considerations
- Questions



INFORMATION REQUIRED BY HYDRO OTTAWA IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DETAILED DESIGNS AND ESTIMATES

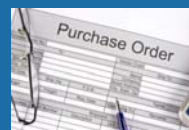
- Site Plans – Showing existing and proposed changes to road geometry
- Landscape plans
- Grading plans
- Main point of contact for project – for both communication and billing purposes
- Costing Model – 100% Requestor Funded, Public Service Works & Highways Act, etc
 - Discuss and agree early on!
- Preferred proposed plant location(s) for review and consideration



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DEPOSITS – *PURCHASE ORDERS*

- Design Deposit
 - Required for engineering review/investigation and to produce detailed design and estimate
- Equipment Deposit
 - Required for procurement of long lead items such as Transformers and switchgear
- Final Estimate Deposit
 - Total cost of project, less deposits received. Payment in full is required and all conditions of Estimate letter must be met prior to Hydro Ottawa scheduling work.



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PROJECT FINANCIALS

- Change Requests
 - Information needs to filter through City PM to approve changes resulting in budget variance.
- Project close
 - When work is completed, Hydro Ottawa communicates if there is any need for additional / ongoing work to complete the project.
 - Complete any outstanding / unforeseen issues
 - Assist with clearance issues
 - Manhole collar adjustments
 - *Final billing is based on project actuals

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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE RECEIVE THE ABOVE?

- Internal Review
- System Designer is assigned to project
- Kick off meeting
- Design Deposit is requested (design starts once \$ is received)
- Equipment Deposit for long lead items may be requested at this time (time sensitive project)
- Detailed relocation design is completed
- Estimate is completed and sent to City
- Construction is scheduled once PO is received in the amount of the final estimate



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SCHEDULING OF WORK

- Hydro Ottawa completes hundreds of construction projects annually and schedules are based on a consistent set of rules
- Hydro Ottawa allocates resources to projects on a priority basis which includes considerations for a project being “construction ready” and having all conditions met
- Hydro Ottawa will typically schedule the start of relocation work 12 weeks out from the time all conditions for construction in estimate letter have been met:
 - PO is received in the amount of the final estimate
 - All land rights secured
 - Municipal consent approved
 - Etc.



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SCHEDULING OF WORK

Other Scheduling Considerations

- Full street closures or full lane closures providing unencumbered access speed up construction significantly
- Allowable daily working hours
- HOL reserves the right to use internal or contract crews
- Hydro Ottawa control room internally managing the coordination of work on our grid
- Safety is our number one priority
 - Project delays with other city contractors or any other reason will not result in HOL compressing their schedule

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS



- Line Clearances
 - Spec OLS0002 – Buildings must maintain 5m clearance, radially, from overhead medium voltage lines and equipment.
 - Hydro Ottawa plant cannot be relocated toward permanent structures within the 5m clearance zone.
 - In existing situations where Hydro plant is closer than 5m, Hydro Ottawa can maintain the existing clearance or make better.
 - <https://hydroottawa.com/outages/safety/safety-outside/overhead-clearance>

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS



- Easements, Land Rights, Access Permits
 - Land Rights give Hydro Ottawa legal right to access private or public property to install, maintain (including repairs and replacements) or upgrade its distribution assets.
 - In the case of overhead line relocations, deflections in the line require anchors to support the line, typically these supports need to be located on private property requiring easements
 - The Party Requesting the relocation shall acquire land rights, easements, and access permits for Hydro Ottawa
 - Easements, Land Rights, Access Permits must be in place prior to Hydro Ottawa relocating plant

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Overhead to Underground Conversion
 - Requestor Pays 100%
 - Official request to Hydro Ottawa must be made in writing
 - Hydro Ottawa will provide an initial Level B Estimate (+75%/-25%)
 - Hydro Ottawa will determine scope of undergrounding plant by looking at ongoing reliability, maintenance, and operating impacts to circuitry.
 - These projects require considerable lead time for design and construction purposes depending on scope and area density.



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- Customer Service Upgrades
 - Plant relocations requiring the re-servicing of customers can trigger bringing their on site and internal services up to current standard
 - Appendix G-0 – Note 13 – *Conditions of Service*
 - *If and when any Customer Service equipment work is undertaken that requires an Electrical Safety Authority permit and an isolation by Hydro Ottawa, the following non-standard Service equipment configurations must be brought to Hydro Ottawa's current technical servicing standards:*
 - <https://hydroottawa.com/accounts-and-billing/contractors-and-developers/conditions-of-service>



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Utility submitted Municipal Consent
 - Envista
 - Up to 12 Weeks
- City circulated Composite Utility Plan
 - All utility designs on one plan
 - Typically quicker turn around time when compared to utility only circulation



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Other utilities
 - Do other utilities need to be relocated prior to Hydro Ottawa plant? Do they need to be moved to accommodate Hydro's final locations?
 - Third party tenants on poles
 - Hydro Ottawa cannot remove pole butts until all third party attacher's have been relocated
 - Stand alone street lighting vs hydro pole mounted
 - Timing of other utility relocations



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Line Locations
 - The total number of poles (Hydro, Bell, street lighting) should be minimized. This requires joint planning and construction along the road allowance
 - Poles should not be installed in small medians (< 6 m wide) or turning islands in the roadway where possible
 - In existing urban areas, poles located along curb lines shall be set so that there is a minimum of 500 mm, where possible, between the nearest surface of the pole and the roadside curb / sidewalk
 - Hydro Plant should be installed in locations to allow ease of ongoing access for maintenance and operations
 - Planned and/or final grade changes



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Anchoring and Deflections in overhead lines
 - Poles are anchored and guyed to increase the strength of an overhead line to counteract any physical loading imbalance resulting from any of the following:
 - Line angles
 - Dead-ends
 - Lateral Take-offs
 - Hillside construction
 - Line tension changes
 - Heavy distribution equipment
 - Road and Rail Crossings



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Anchoring and Deflections in overhead lines *(continued)*
 - Relocating one pole out of line will result in three anchoring points
 - The taller the pole, the more conductors, the longer the anchor lead lengths need to be
 - Anchoring to trees and buildings is not permissible
 - Where anchoring is required toward a road way, “stub poles” may be required on the opposite side of the street to support the line
 - Self Supporting poles – specially engineered, require large underground bases, costly, long lead items

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Manhole inspections to determine condition
 - Replace / rebuild deteriorated manholes prior to project start
- Confirmation of grade changes expected.
 - Inspect & record MH collar heights to determine availability of adjustments for any road grade changes
 - Rebuild MH / MH roof to allow for any grade changes
- Inspect or rod/rope duct structures
- Relocation of manholes off / away from future road surfaces
 - Accessible locations

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Civil duct structure may need to be extended beyond future road way.
- Additional equipment requires space or easements
 - Switchgear, pad-mount transformers, Vault equipment
- Relocation of underground duct and manhole systems can involve a large amount of cable replacement depending on the number of circuits affected.
- Road Cut Moratorium
 - Any civil work in / along the roadway attempted to be completed prior to project start
 - For OH/UG conversions, final reinstatement may be 6mo + beyond civil complete date. (pole removal, service transfers etc)

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HYDRO OTTAWA CIVIL WORK ONLY ALTERNATE BID

- Discussed on case by case basis, prior to start of construction.
- Civil works required to complete the Hydro Ottawa electrical work can be completed by the General contractor in locations where there are no electrical hazards
 - Minimum 1.5m away from plant with existing electrical cables or equipment
 - Must be completed by a Hydro Ottawa qualified contractor
 - Hydro Ottawa inspection required throughout construction
- 1.5m tie ins, Manhole collar adjustments, or other work on electrical plant must be completed by Hydro Ottawa
- Reduced coordination when hiring one of Hydro Ottawa's regular Approved civil contractors
 - Minimizes delays due to time and space, or locate / permits

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CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

Safe limits of approach:

- 10ft (3m) minimum clearance between High voltage conductors and persons or equipment
- Contact Hydro Ottawa if you require work within 3m. (Tree trimming, relocation of conductors)
- Hydro Ottawa does not provide cover-up / flags on primary conductor

Limits of Approach						
Maintain Maximum Clearances and Install Barriers Where Practical						
Voltages	Personnel Zones			Mobile Work Equipment		
	OHSA Minimum	Authorized Worker	Restricted Zone	OHSA	Non-Insulated Boom	Certified Insulated Aerial Device
750 V to 15 kV	> 3.0 m (10 ft.)	> 0.9 m (3 ft.)	0.9 m to 0.3 m (3 ft. to 1 ft.)	> 3.0 m (10 ft.)	> 0.9 m (3 ft.)	> 0.3 m (1 ft.)
> 15 kV to 35 kV		> 1.2 m (4 ft.)	0.9 m to 0.45 m (3 ft. to 1.5 ft.)		> 1.2 m (4 ft.)	> 0.45 m (1.5 ft.)
> 35 kV to 50 kV		> 1.5 m (5 ft.)	1.2 m to 0.6 m (4 ft. to 2 ft.)		> 2.4 m (8 ft.)	> 0.9 m (3 ft.)
> 50 kV to 150 kV		> 2.1 m (7 ft.)	1.5 m to 0.9 m (5 ft. to 3 ft.)		> 3.0 m (10 ft.)	> 1.2 m (4 ft.)
> 150 kV to 250 kV	> 4.5 m (15 ft.)	> 3.7 m (12 ft.)	2.1 m to 1.2 m (7 ft. to 4 ft.)	> 4.5 m (15 ft.)	> 3.0 m (10 ft.)	> 1.2 m (4 ft.)
> 250 kV to 550 kV	> 6.0 m (20 ft.)	> 3.7 m (12 ft.)	3.7 m to 2.75 m (12 ft. to 9 ft.)	> 6.0 m (20 ft.)	> 4.6 m (15 ft.)	> 2.75 m (9 ft.)
SYMBOLS				cranes, power shovels, back-hoes, mech. brush cutter	RDB, aerial ladder, work platform, uncertified aerial device	certified and tested by certified laboratory
≤ less than or equal to > greater than < less than						

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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Constructor
 - Has the greatest degree of control over Health and Safety at the entire Project site.
 - Responsible for the health and safety of all workers on the Project site.
 - Keep in mind
 - Does Hydro Ottawa need to relocate prior to City contractor taking control of site?
 - Does time need to be allocated for City contractor to leave site to allow Hydro Ottawa to jump in and complete work?



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ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

- Site trailer temp service provided through Service Layouts
- New / Modified traffic or street light service points need to go through service layouts as timing does not always match Hydro Ottawa's dedicated construction crew schedule.
- All new or modified services require ESA approval prior to connection
- Street lights on poles which are being replace can be transferred by Hydro Ottawa providing relocation is < 3m
 - Greater distances need to go through city street lighting as calculations need to be completed.

<https://hydroottawa.com/accounts-and-billing/business/request>

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COMMUNICATIONS




- Communications to area residents & businesses
 - City Notification or Hydro Ottawa notification depending on timing of construction
 - Community open house requirement?
 - If Hydro Ottawa work to take place well ahead of road works, typically Hydro Ottawa will notify area residents and businesses of upcoming planned work.
 - Planned outages – Hydro Ottawa takes care of planned electrical outage communications during construction as required

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CONCLUSION



- Get in the door early to discuss projects
 - Time required from initial contact to construction complete could be a year or more depending on complexity of the project.
- The earlier the better!
 - Hydro Ottawa has a large capital sustainment program and other customer demand projects where the deposits have been paid
- Time and space separation
 - Earlier relocations for Hydro Ottawa can mean less issues in creating time and space separation with the city project constructor.
 - Less potential delays for the heavy civil works.


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CONCLUSION (CONT)

- Communication, Communication, Communication
 - Keep the Hydro Ottawa Designer in the loop on timelines, issues, changes to the project
 - Single point of contact
 - On large projects, regular progress update meetings have been valuable to project success!
 - Design and Construction phase
 - Hydro Ottawa is only able to move our own plant. Coordination is needed for street lights / signals / telecom, brought in at the same time as Hydro Ottawa, as a lot of their plans can hinge on Hydro's design.

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HYDRO OTTAWA CONTACTS

- Emmanuel Coffee – Underground supervisor
 - 613-738-5499,7225 EmmanuelCoffie@hydroottawa.com
- Tom Corriveau – Acting Overhead Supervisor
 - 613-738-5499, 7262 ThomasCorriveau@hydroottawa.com
- Damage prevention civil inspectors
 - *Process is changing to an online form

*****DANGER DO NOT PROCEED*****
Buried high voltage cables within 1.5M of the located area. You MUST send locate to HOLsupervisions@hydroottawa.com or contact Hydro Ottawa at **613-738-6418** for further information.
AFTER HOURS *EMERGENCY* NUMBER IS **613-738-6422**

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