

## Community Engagement Plan



## Trenton Lock 1 Hydro Project

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Large Renewable Program I Request for Proposals ("LRP I RFP")

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Hydromega Services Inc (“Hydromega”) is an independent power producer of renewable energy specialized in the conception, construction, financing and operation of independent electric facilities in Quebec and Ontario.

Hydromega proposes to develop one (1) hydroelectric generating station at the site of Trenton – Lock #1. The project would be located in the City of Quinte West on properties owned by Parks Canada Agency.

The project is to be submitted by Hydromega to the IESO in the Large Renewable Procurement I Request for Proposal (“LRP I RFP”) process.



Consultation will be held with members of the public, aboriginal communities, municipalities, local roads boards, local services boards, and any other relevant stakeholders during the development of the project both prior to submittal of the projects to the IESO and after contract award, if applicable.

Consultation efforts and activities will include:

- Preparing and maintaining the Community Engagement Plan;
- Maintaining project's website;
- Consulting with the City of Quinte West;
- Consulting with the Tyendinaga Mohawk First Nation, Alderville First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation;
- Holding at least one (1) public community meeting;

Hydromega's community consultation and engagement program endeavors to be characterized by open and respectful communication with the general public, landowners, Aboriginal communities, municipalities, government, and other agencies. Through notices, mailing, publicly accessible project website, public meetings and other consultation activities, Hydromega remains committed to maintaining good relations with the communities and will strive to develop highly accepted projects that will benefit everyone.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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On June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Independent Electricity System Operator of Ontario (hereafter defined as the “IESO”) has been directed by the Minister of Energy of Ontario to launch a competitive process for procurement of up to 565 MW (300 MW of On-Shore Wind, 140 MW of Solar, 50 MW of Bioenergy and 75 MW of Waterpower) of new large renewable energy projects. After several public consultations with municipalities, First Nations, Métis communities, stakeholders and industry associations, the IESO has launched the Large Renewable Procurement I Request for Proposals (“LRP I RFP”).

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the IESO announced a list of 42 Qualified Applicants resulting from the qualification process of the LRP I RFP, including **Hydromega Services Inc.** (“Hydromega”). Only Qualified Applicant will be able to submit proposals for the LRP I RFP.

Hydromega specializes itself in the conception, construction, financing and operation of independent electric facilities in Quebec and Ontario. The energy produced is exclusively sold to Hydro-Quebec or to the IESO (formerly Ontario Power Authority), through long term Power Purchase Agreements. Today, total hydroelectric production capacity developed by the company exceeds 120 MW, including the recent Kapuskasing Hydroelectric projects (22 MW) and the Okikendawt Hydroelectric project (10 MW).

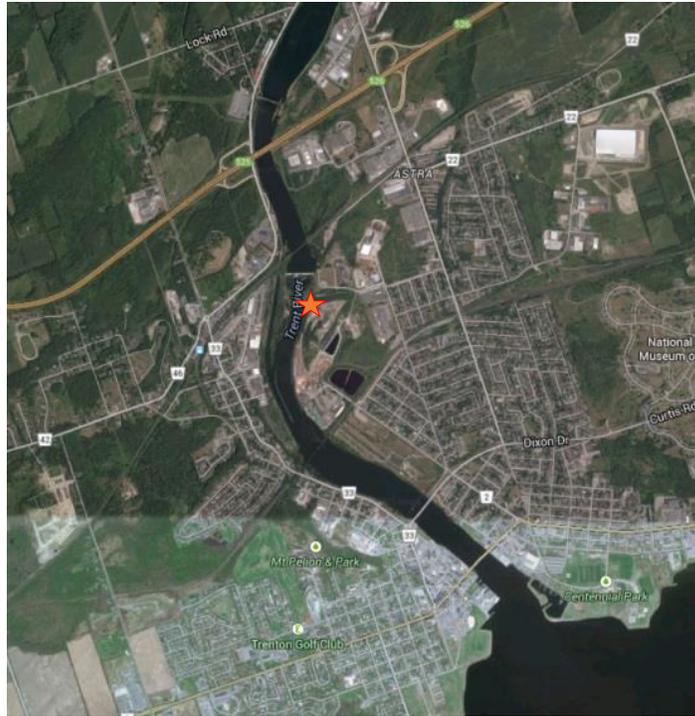
Hydromega intends to submit its proposal to the IESO prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 assuming ongoing technical and financial feasibility studies confirm viability.

### 1.1 Project Description

Hydromega proposes to develop one (1) hydroelectric generating station at the site of **Trenton – Lock #1**. The project would be located in the City of Quinte West on properties owned by Parks Canada Agency.

The project would be developed as per Parks Canada Agency procedures and guidelines. Generation station would be built adjacent to existing structures and would not require the construction of new dams. The development, construction and operation of the project would be carried in such a way as to not impact existing guidelines for flows and levels management.

It is expected that a limited partnership (Trenton Lock 1 Hydro LP) would be created for the purpose of developing and submitting the project. This entity, known as the Qualified Proponent under the LRP I RFP rules, will be able to submit proposal as long as Hydromega, the Qualified Applicant, maintains control of the limited partnership.



**Trenton Lock 1 Hydro Project**

Installed capacity : Up to 8 MW

Flow : Approx. 180-210 m<sup>3</sup>/s

## 2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

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Hydromega has been developing renewable energy projects (including the 22-MW Kapuskasing Hydroelectric projects and the 10-MW Okikendawt Hydroelectric project) for more than 25 years and we take great pride in efforts made to develop successful projects that have benefited from high social acceptability.

In order to meet high standards of consultation, and as per the LRP I RFP's requirements, Hydromega has prepared this *Community Engagement Plan* which details the public consultation measures that will be put in place during the development of the Trenton Hydroelectric Project.

### 2.1 Objectives of the Consultation Process

Consultation is meant to be a bilateral exchange between Hydromega and any interested local groups, Aboriginal communities, members of the public as well as municipalities, agencies and/or any other interested parties. The objectives of this consultation process are:

- Identifying interested parties and stakeholders,
- Engaging communication early in the development process with interested parties and stakeholders;
- Consulting with affected communities and First Nations;
- Providing detailed information on the project;

- Identifying interested parties and stakeholders' concerns in order to consult at all stage of the development;
- Discuss potential mitigation measures to limit impacts, including:
  - Define period when construction activities should be limited in order to not impact boating season;
  - Favouring, when possible, local business for supply of equipment and services.

Consultation will enable Hydromega to obtain and use local knowledge in the project development and in the assessment of any potential environmental impacts.

## **2.2 Consultation Prior to Submittal**

Until the Registered Proponent is offered a contract under the LRP I RFP, consultation efforts will be focused on publishing general information on the project and will seek to identify any potential constraints or impacts that could compromise financial or technical viability.

Consultation efforts will, at a minimum, include:

- **Applying for a Survey Permits under the DWPA**  
Water and land rights for the project would be granted by Parks Canada Agency (“PCA”) under the Dominion Water Power Act. The proponent will engage in consultation with PCA in order to develop a project meeting all guidelines, specifications and best practices identified by PCA.

- **Maintaining a Project Website**  
The proponent will maintain throughout development and construction a project website which will present details on the calendar, project structures, site map, site consideration information, transmission line, potential impacts, contact information and public notices.

The Project Website can be access at :

<http://www.hydromega.com/projects-in-development/ontario-lrp-i-rfp/trenton-lock-1-hydro-project.aspx>

- **Consulting with the City of Quinte West**  
The Proponent will engage in consultation with the City of Quinte West through the development of the project in order to assess potential constraints and impacts on the City infrastructures and population. In an effort to maximize the chance of the project being selected by the IESO, the proponent will be seeking official support from the City of Quinte West.
- **Consulting with the First Nations**  
The Proponent will engage in consultation with the Tyendinaga Mohawk First Nation, Alderville First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation.
- **Holding a least one (1) community meeting**  
The proponent will hold at least one (1) community meeting prior to submitting a proposal to the IESO. As per the LRP I RFP rules, this Community Engagement Plan, Site Consideration Information as well as project’s details will be published on the project’s website.

Hydromega will publish, at least 15 days prior to the community meeting, a public notice in the following newspaper: **Belleville Intelligencer**.

Direct notifications will be made to:

- Every assessed owners of properties abutting the project's location;
- Every assessed owners located within 120 meters of the project's location and the proposed connection line;
- Aboriginal communities that may be affected by or otherwise interested in the Project location or proposed Connection line:
  - Tyendinaga Mohawk First Nation;
  - Alderville First Nation; and
  - Hiawatha First Nation.
- Clerks of each local municipality in which the project's location or proposed connection lines locations are situated:
  - City of Quinte West.
- Secretary-treasurers of each Local Roads Board of a local roads area in which the project's location or proposed connection lines locations are situated;
- Secretaries of each Local Services Board of a board area in which the project's location or proposed connection lines locations are situated;
- Secretary-treasurers of planning boards that have jurisdiction in an area in which the project's location or proposed connections lines location are situated;
- The Director, Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change;
- If relevant, secretaries of every company operating an oil or natural gas pipeline, if a pipeline right of way is located within 200 meters of the Project or proposed Connection Line.

Hydromega is proposing to hold the community meeting in :

- Location: **Quinte West Arena, Auditorium, 8, Couch Crescent, Trenton, Ontario**  
Date: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Time: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

### **2.2.1 Consultation Summary Report**

A meeting summary report will be prepared and will detail consultations activities that were performed. Potential constraints, concerns and impacts identified by the different stakeholders will be documented to ensure project development includes such element for review and consideration.

A copy of the meeting summary report for each meeting will be posted on the Project Website and will be forwarded to the Clerk of the City of Quinte West.

### **2.3 Consultation After Award**

Should the project be selected by the IESO, the Proponent would start the formal consultation process. As lands required for the construction of the project are federal, this would likely trigger an assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (“CEAA”). Therefore, the proponent would comply with all requirements for consultation under the CEAA. Water rights would be granted under the Dominion Water Power Act (“DWPA”) which also requires extensive consultation with the public and agencies.

### **2.4 Contact Information**

All comments with regards to the project can be forwarded to the attention of:

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## **3. CONCLUSION**

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