

April 16, 2021

## Re: TC Energy's Proposed Pumped Storage Project

Dear Neighbour,

TC Energy recently purchased a property in the Town of Wasaga Beach as part of a proposed clean energy project to be constructed on the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre (4<sup>th</sup> CDTC), north of Meaford. The property located between the shoreline and Betty Boulevard, west of Shore Lane, and east of Constance Boulevard, would be the potential landing site for underground power transmission cables that would connect the proposed project to the Ontario electricity grid. We want to make you aware of our plans for this project and provide you with information on potential next steps. Most importantly, we are reaching out to provide you with our contact information, should you wish to discuss this proposed opportunity and our intentions for the property with us.

TC Energy is in the preliminary stages of a proposal to design, construct and operate an energy storage project on the 4th CDTC. The project, if developed, would provide an important new resource to meet future Ontario electricity needs, balance Ontario's electricity supply and demand, reduce costs for electricity consumers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The proposed project remains in the early stages of design and a number of approvals and extensive public consultation will be required before the proposed project can proceed. Only if site access for 4<sup>th</sup> CDTC is granted by the Department of National Defence, will we then move to the next phase of Project development and an environmental impact assessment process.

## About the proposed project

The proposed Pumped Storage Project is a clean energy project designed to store Ontario's excess electricity and then redeploy the power when Ontario residents and businesses need it. The proposed project will save electricity consumers money, create substantial economic stimulus and jobs and represents one of the largest climate-change initiatives being developed in Canada.

For more information on the proposed Project, please visit <a href="https://www.tcenergy.com/pumpedstorage">www.tcenergy.com/pumpedstorage</a>.

## The proposed project and the Town of Wasaga Beach

Should the proposed project proceed, it will require a connection to Ontario's electricity grid, and we plan to investigate a transmission route underwater on the lakebed of Georgian Bay from the project site at 4<sup>th</sup> CDTC, to the Wasaga Beach area, and underground from there to the Hydro One Stayner Transformer Station.

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To advance a potential transmission route, we recently purchased a shoreline property, as outlined above. This parcel of land is the proposed location for lakebed cables to connect with underground transmission cables. Transmission infrastructure/lines constructed on the property are expected to be buried underground.

Projects like this require significant time and thoughtful planning. Most importantly, they require extensive engagement with community members who may be impacted by the project. This purchase of land is the first step of many steps and we look forward to discussing the project opportunity with you soon.

## Next steps on the property

There is some preliminary feasibility work currently underway at this property. These preliminary studies must be conducted in the spring and early summer timeframe and are critical to helping us understand the environmental characteristics of the property.

Should the proposed pumped storage project advance to the environmental assessment phase, TC Energy will begin an extensive engagement program in communities that may be impacted by the proposed transmission line. This will be a multi-year process (both federal and provincial environmental assessments are required) and will provide numerous opportunities for TC Energy to share project information, and most importantly for us to receive feedback from the community. We are committed to working collaboratively with all community residents.

If you have any preliminary comments or questions, we encourage you to contact us directly at 1-844-551-0055 or <a href="mailto:energy.com">energy storage@tcenergy.com</a>. Further information can be located on our project website, including numerous frequently asked questions, as well as the option to sign up for our project newsletter list. Our website can be viewed by accessing the following link: <a href="https://www.tcenergy.com/pumpedstorage">www.tcenergy.com/pumpedstorage</a>.

We are committed to keeping you updated should the project progress.

Sincerely,

TC Energy's Pumped Storage Project Team

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