

NOTES

MEETING NOTES: ROUND 1



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Date of Meeting: September 27, 2011

Time: 10:30am – 11:00am

Location: RM Portage la Prairie

The intent of this meeting between Manitoba Hydro and the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie was to provide a description of the proposed Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Line Project and the environmental licensing process. Attendees were provided with a map of the study area with preliminary alternative routes identified and were given the opportunity to provide comments and raise questions and concerns. These are organized by theme and summarized below:

1. Technical

- What are the right-of-way requirements for the Project?
- Can a new structure be used that would enable the two lines to be stacked?
- When is the new transmission line expected to be in service?
- Will the towers have the same or similar span?
- What will the distance between towers? Farm equipment (sprayers) are getting larger (greater than 30 m span) and require greater distances between towers to move equipment.

2. Route Placement/Options

- Using the existing (D12P) right-of-way makes better sense than trying to develop a new right-of-way such as appears to be required for Alternative C.

3. Process

- When are open houses expected to occur in the region?
- Would like more detailed mapping for next meeting so councilors can have a good understanding of the implications within the RM.

4. Other Questions and Concerns:

- How will the project benefit the local and regional economy after it is built?
- How will farmers be compensated for land used for the Project?
- Are there similarities with Bipole III?



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Date of Meeting: October 11, 2011

Time: 9:15am – 9:45am

Location: RM Cartier

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1. Technical

- How much space is between the towers? This is important as farm equipment continues to get larger.
- Will the new towers look similar to the existing D12P towers?
- Will the new towers be run parallel to the existing D12P line?
- When will it be built?

2. Route Placement/Options

- Will issues such as water infrastructure be taken into consideration?

3. Process

- How will do you plan on contacting everyone?
- What is the process for consultation?
- Can you please hold an Open House more accessible to people in Cartier. Possibly in Elie?

4. Other Questions and Concerns:

- What type of compensation will be offered?
- Route A appears to make the most sense.
- It was recommended to speak with all the Assiniboine River lot landowners for all route options.



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Date of Meeting: September 27, 2011

Time: 8:00am – 8:30am

Location: RM St. Francois Xavier

The intent of this meeting between Manitoba Hydro and the Rural Municipality of St. Francois Xavier was to provide a description of the proposed Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Line Project and the environmental licensing process. Attendees were provided with a map of the study area with preliminary alternative routes identified and were given the opportunity to provide comments and raise questions and concerns. These are organized by theme and summarized below:

1. Technical

- What will the line look like? Will it look similar to the existing structure?
- How many kilometers is the proposed project expected to require within St Francis-Xavier?
- When is the expected in service date for the new transmission line?

2. Route Placement

- Can the new line just parallel the existing D12P line? (note that 7km of the line sits within the RM)
- Are there potential reliability issues?

3. Other Questions and Concerns:

- Can you please provide more information on compensation policies?
- What can you tell us about EMF?



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Date of Meeting: December 16, 2011

Time: 11:00am – 11:30am

Location: RM Rosser

The intent of this meeting between Manitoba Hydro and the Rural Municipality of Rosser was to provide a description of the proposed Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Line Project and the environmental licensing process. Attendees were provided with a map of the study area with preliminary alternative routes identified as well as a copy of the recent mailout being distributed to area residences. Participants were given the opportunity to provide comments and raise questions and concerns. Participants were also notified that open houses would be occurring in St. Francis-Xavier and Oakville in early January 2012. Comments and questions raised during the meeting are organized by theme and summarized below:

1. Technical

- What will the line look like? Will it look similar to the existing structure with the same footprint and spans?
 1. DP will have very similar tower structures, footprints and spans to the existing line
- It is generally preferable that the new line parallel the existing line where possible.
- Could the existing tower be extended higher?
 - i. Technically this might be possible but the current line would have to be de-energized to rebuild the towers and development of this could generate other issues, such as potential concerns about migratory birds and aesthetic issues.

2. Route Placement

- Can the new line simply parallel the existing D12P line?
 - i. Yes, that initial technical options have identified where possible paring the proposed new route adjacent to either the existing 230 kV transmission line or where this is not possible, adjacent to other linear features such as other transmission routes, road allowances or property lines.
- What have other RMs expressed as an interest with the route?
 - i. We have had opportunity to have similar discussions with other RMs in the project Study Area and initial perspectives have indicated that a route adjacent to or close to the existing transmission line would be preferable.

3. Other Questions and Comments:

- Can you please provide more information on compensation policies?
- The new Sturgeon Creek Colony location is further north or the proposed route alignment.
- Effort should be made wherever possible to avoid route overlap with headlands as it could be problematic with farming operations along the mile line. Suggestion on the alignment within RM Rosser than expansion of the ROW north of the existing D12P would be favourable as the expansion south may encroach on the headlands of farmers.
- Comment that the proposed current alignment is a good location as it avoids homes and makes the best used of the existing lands.
- Comment that a better appreciation of the distance between towers would be helpful in assessing potential issues for farming. If separation provides adequate space for current and expected future sprayer and seeding equipment this would be beneficial.

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Date of Meeting: April 10, 2012

Time: 11:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: RM Portage la Prairie

The intent of this meeting between Manitoba Hydro and the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie was to provide a description of the proposed Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Line Project, present the preliminary preferred route and describe the environmental licensing process. Attendees were provided with a map of the study area with the preliminary preferred route identified through the Site Selection and Environmental Assessment Process (SSEA). Participants were given the opportunity to provide comments and raise questions and concerns. These are organized by theme and summarized below:

1. Technical

- What does ROW stand for?
- How much taller will the new transmission towers be?

2. Process

- When are the Open Houses?

3. Other Questions and Concerns:

- Please recap the major issues that were raised throughout Round One.
- What are the details in terms of compensation for landowners?
- How has liability for landowners been addressed?



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Date of Meeting: April 4, 2012

Time: 9:35 am – 10:05 am

Location: RM Cartier – Public Works Committee

The intent of this meeting between Manitoba Hydro and the Public Works Committee of Cartier was to provide a description of the proposed Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Line Project, present the preliminary preferred route and describe the environmental licensing process. Attendees were provided with a map of the study area with the preliminary preferred route identified through the Site Selection and Environmental Assessment Process (SSEA). Participants were given the opportunity to provide comments and raise questions and concerns. These are organized by theme and summarized below:

1. Technical

- A concern was mentioned in regards to the 1 meter road allowance.
- What is the width of the owned right-of-way?
- How long will the construction of one tower take?
- What is the construction process and when is the best time to do the various steps in construction?
- Which side of the existing D12P transmission line will the new line be located?

2. Route Placement/Options

- A concern was mentioned about the potential for bush to be cleared along the proposed double-circuit section of the transmission line.

3. Other Questions and Concerns

- It appears that the issues and concerns have been addressed sufficiently.



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Time: 7:35 pm – 8:05 pm

Location: RM St. Francois Xavier

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1. Route Placement/Options

- It was noted that the preliminary preferred route does not run through any very notable places in the RM of St. Francois Xavier. This should lead to very little resistance from residents in the area.

2. Other Questions and Concerns

- A comment was made that the process has been done very well.
- It was suggested that an additional Open House advertisement should be placed in the "Headliner".



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Location: RM Rosser

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1. Technical

- A concern was mentioned about the proximity of the lines to each other. It may have to potential for lines to take each other out.
- Where is the existing D12P line on the right-of-way?
- How wide will the right-of-way be once the new line is constructed?
- Why are guy wires not needed?
- How often do towers fall down?

2. Route Placement/Options

- It was mentioned that currently the equipment used for spraying crops is 120 feet. At specific points along the proposed line the turns will be excessively tight and difficult for equipment navigation. This could lead to damage to neighbouring crops. For spraying or seeding the required estimate is 150 to 200 meters.

3. Process

- When will you meet with landowners to negotiation compensation?

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We are following up on our letter dated December 23rd, 2012. We understand due to time constraints you could not attend Round 1 of the public consultation program. We would like your input prior to Round 2, which is scheduled for the last week in March. If you are interested, we could come and do a presentation to the community prior to the public Open Houses.



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We are following up on our letter dated December 23rd, 2012. We understand due to time constraints you could not attend Round 1 of the public consultation program. We would like your input prior to Round 2, which is scheduled for the last week in March. If you are interested, we could come and do a presentation to the community prior to the public Open Houses.



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In addition, you are invited to share your views about this project during the Round 2 Open Houses in Oakville on March 28th, 2012 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and in St. Francois Xavier on March 29th, 2012 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at dblock@hydro.mb.ca or call me collect at 1-204-360-7353.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dave Block'.

Dave Block
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Chief Glen A. Hudson Sr.
Peguis First Nation
P.O. Box 10
Peguis, MB
R0C 3J0

Dear Chief Hudson,

Re: Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Line Project

Manitoba Hydro would like to meet with you to discuss the proposed Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Project. The purpose of the meeting is to share information, answer questions and discuss any concerns that your community may have regarding the proposed project.

The proposed Dorsey to Portage South Transmission Line Project will include a 64 km long 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The line will originate at the Dorsey Station, located northwest of Winnipeg near the village of Rosser, Manitoba. It will terminate at the Portage South Station located southeast of Portage la Prairie. The scheduled in-service date is November, 2014.

A representative from Manitoba Hydro will be in contact with you in the near future to coordinate a meeting. In the interim, if you require any further information, please contact me at (204) 360-7353. We look forward to meeting with you and receiving further feedback from your community regarding the proposed project.

Yours truly,

Dave Block
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Manitoba Hydro

LETTER TO LANDOWNER IN PROXIMITY TO ROUTE

April 9, 2012

[Title] [First Name] [Last Name]

[Address]

[City/Town]

[Postal Code]

Dear Landowner:

Re: Dorsey-Portage South Transmission Project – Round 2: Preferred Route

Manitoba Hydro would like to advise you that a preferred route for the proposed Dorsey Station to Portage South Station transmission line has now been selected. The route was determined using a variety of criteria including public and stakeholder feedback. A map illustrating the preferred route is enclosed.

We would like to inform you that the route is in proximity to land that you own or manage. A larger scale map is provided that identifies the transmission line right-of-way in relation to your land. Please see below for a listing of your land holdings located in proximity to the preferred route.

We are currently seeking feedback regarding the preferred route for the Project. We will be holding two public open houses for this purpose. Times and locations are denoted in the enclosed newsletter. The goal of these open houses are to encourage review and comment on the preferred route, to identify any concerns or issues and to discuss possible mitigation measures with the local residents.

The Dorsey to Portage South Project is subject to an environmental review and will require approval by Provincial authorities in accordance with the *Environment Act* (Manitoba). We are currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for submission to Manitoba Conservation, which will be completed and submitted at the end of June 2012. The EIS will present information regarding the current environment, potential effects, and mitigation measures that can be applied to ensure the impact on people and their environment is minimized. The EIS will be available for public review and comment once submitted to Manitoba Conservation.

Subject to the issuance of an *Environment Act* (Manitoba) license, construction is currently planned to begin in late 2014.

If you would like to provide your comments and/or further discuss the Project please feel free to call collect: 1-204-360-7353.

I look forward to discussing the Project with you in the near future and hope to see you at the open house.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Block". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Block
Licensing & Environmental Assessment Department,
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Map(s):
[Map#]
Preferred Route Map

Parcel(s) of land identified as being affected by the preferred right-of-way:
[Parcel]

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

ROUND 1: CENTRAL PLAINS HERALD-LEADER DECEMBER 31, 2011



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

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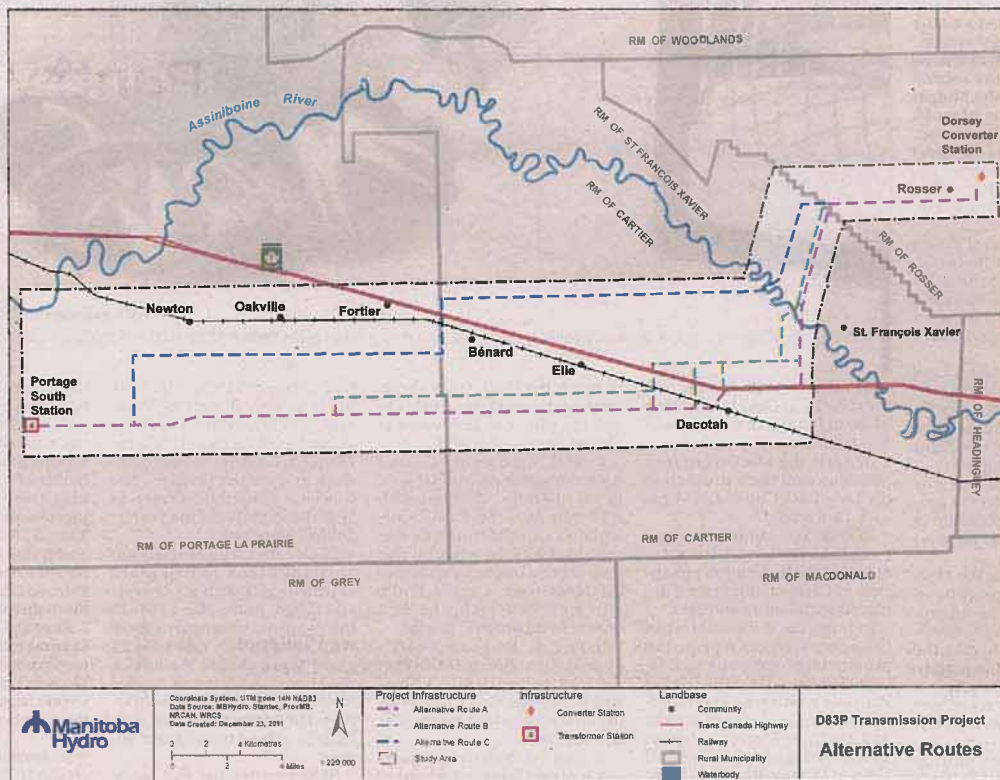
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For more information contact:

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EVERYONE WELCOME



ROUND 1: DAILY GRAPHIC JANUARY 3, 2012



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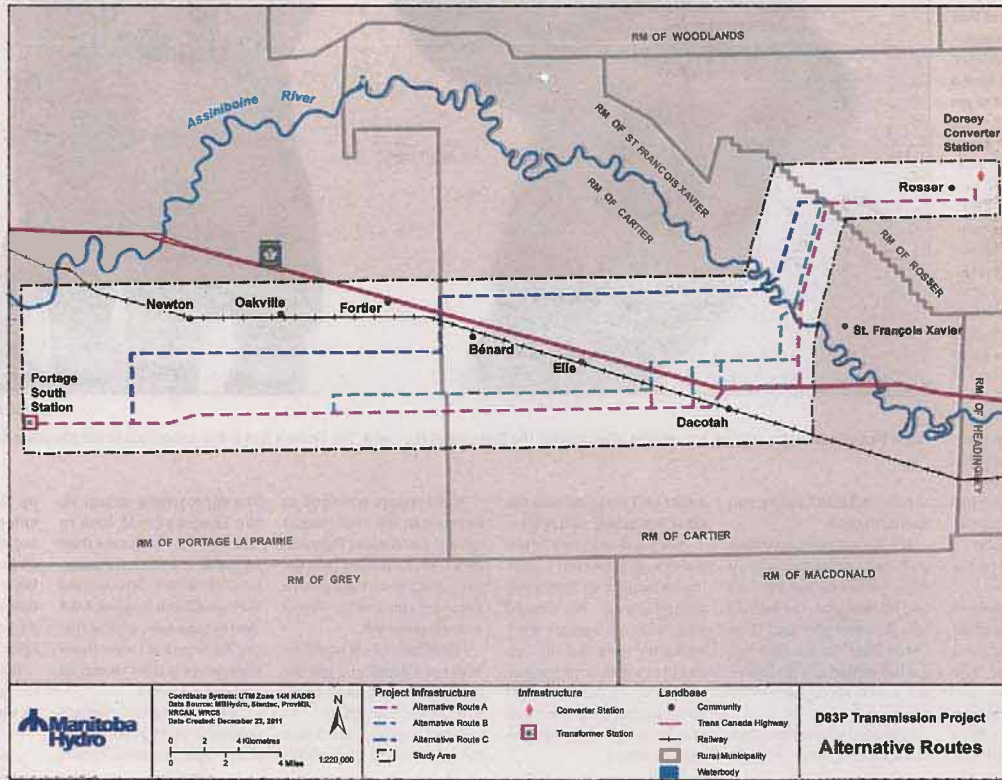
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ROUND 2: CENTRAL PLAINS HERALD-LEADER APRIL 12, 2012



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55 PR 331

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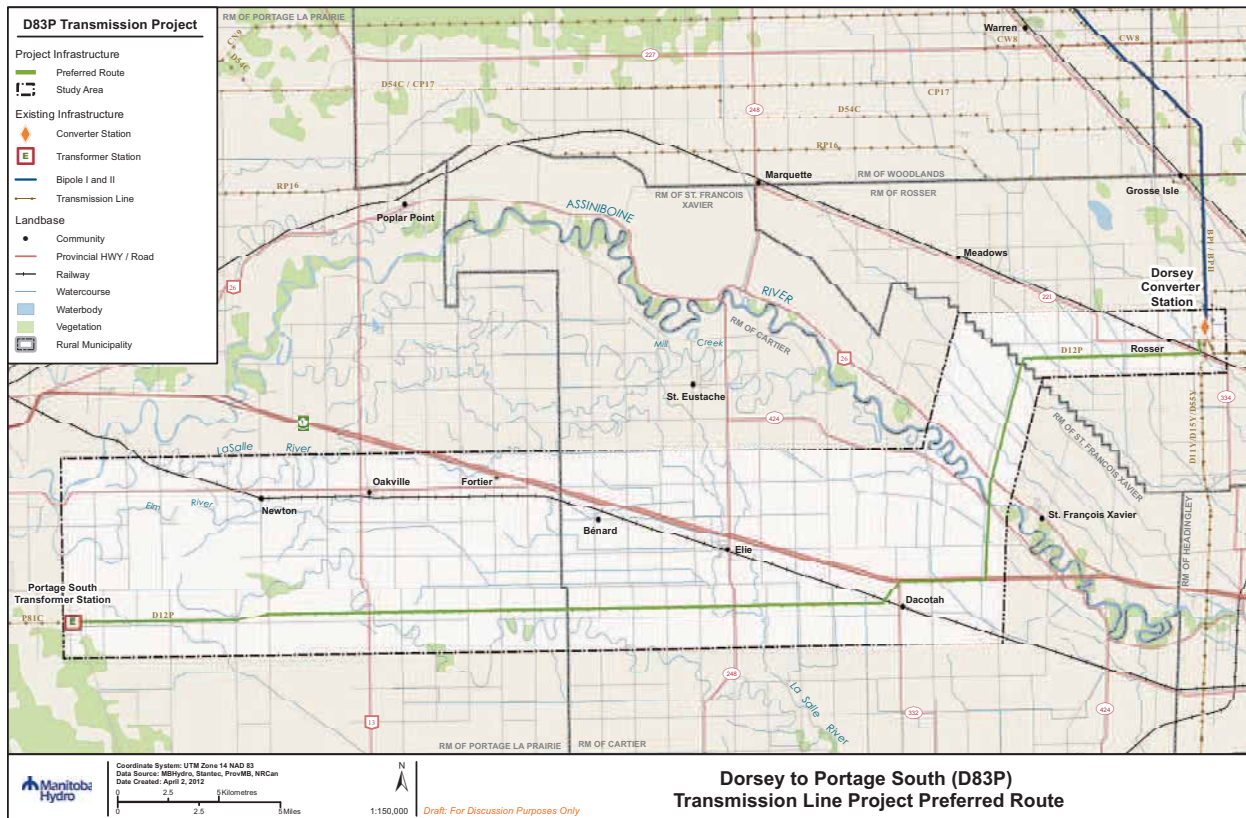
April 26th - St. Francois Xavier Community Club

St. Francois Xavier, Manitoba
983 PTH 26

Drop-In from 6:30 - 9:00 pm

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ROUND 2: DAILY GRAPHIC APRIL 16, 2012



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