



## Niagara Reinforcement Line Project

### Timeline of Events

#### 2017

- **October 17, 2017** -Addressed Envelop announcing the NRL community engagement and inviting groups or organizations to book an organizational engagement session (Lunch & Learn) was dropped off in all 42 SNEC mailboxes (including HCCC's).
- **October 18, 2017- December 18, 2017** Three-Phase Bundle Solution presented to SNGR Community- 10 Week Qualitative Community Engagement
  - Weekly Engagement Session held at various times & locations across Six Nations
  - Weekly Full or Half Page Newspaper Ads (TRT, TIN)
  - Daily Radio Advertisements (CKRZ, Jukasa Radio)
  - Facebook Advertisements via Posts, Event Pages and Project Summary Video
  - 4 Community-Wide Mailers (Delivered to 2300 Mailboxes on Six Nations)
  - Lunch & Learn Sessions offered to Six Nations Organizations
  - All project information posted to [www.snfuture.ca](http://www.snfuture.ca)
- **October 18, 2017** – SNGRDC sent an email to HCCC Council Secretary, [ohahokta@hotmail.com](mailto:ohahokta@hotmail.com) requesting HCCC representatives attend the NRL Engagement Sessions and/or inviting them to book an organizational engagement session (Lunch & Learn).
- **November 21, 2017** – SNGRDC sent a second email to HCCC Council Secretary, [ohahokta@hotmail.com](mailto:ohahokta@hotmail.com) requesting HCCC representatives attend a remaining NRL Engagement Sessions and/or inviting them to book an organizational engagement session (Lunch & Learn).
- **November 22, 2017** – At the request of a HCCC representative, SNGRDC forwarded the previous requests to invite the HCCC to engage in the NRL project to [jowahaise@gmail.com](mailto:jowahaise@gmail.com) with a request to talk about how SNGRDC could better engage the Confederacy and people in future projects.

#### 2018

- **January 24, 2018** – NRL Community Engagement Report Finalized and presented to the SNGRDC BOD, AC.
- **February 2018** - BOD and AC Review document and sent back to SNGRDC staff to address concerns outlined in engagement report.
- **February 20, 2018** – Recommendation to proceed with NRL & Path Forward\* ratified by SNEC.
- **May 2018**- As per NRL Path Forward- Environmental Assessment Redone
- **June 2018**- Preliminary work completed (access roads, surveying, locates etc.)
- **October 2018**- Construction Began

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## 2019

- **January 17, 2019**- HCCC representatives delivered a letter at the NRL site addressed to HONI. It noted intentions to shutdown the site unless a meeting was scheduled between HCCC and HONI by January 21, 2019.
- **\*\*January 18, 2019** - HONI replied to HCCC representatives to indicate they would be open to discussions and requested more information be provided in terms of the meeting context.
- **January 21, 2019** – Construction Halted- A group of individuals visited the NRL site again and delivered a Cease & Desist order to A6N Utilities
- **\*\*January 22, 2019**- A meeting was held between HCCC representatives and HONI.
- **\*\*January 24, 2019** – SNEC sent a letter to HCCC outlining the impacts of the work stoppage at NRP. This was confirmed received and read at confederacy council on January 26, 2019.
- **January 25, 2019** – SNGRDC sent a letter to HCCC outlining the impacts of the work stoppage at NRL. This was confirmed received and read at confederacy council on January 26, 2019.
- **\*\*January 28, 2019**, HONI confirmed they still have not received an MOU draft from HCCC representatives. Instead HCCC requested a meeting with HONI's CEO to discuss the matter.
- **\*\*January 31, 2019**- A meeting took place between HCCC representatives and HONI Executive.
- **\*\*February 8, 2019** – HONI provided HCCC representatives with a third-party engineering report outlining the public safety work that needed to be complete at the NRL.
- **February 10, 2019** –HCCC representatives agreed to allow A6N to complete the safety work.
- **February 11, 2019** - A6N and its sub-contractor completed the required safety work.
- **February 16, 2019**- SNGRDC attended HCCC meeting and presented a letter formally requesting the HCCC lift the Cease & Desist on the project and inviting HCCC representative to attend a press conference on Tuesday, February 19.
- **February 19, 2019**- SNGRDC hosted a local press conference at the Six Nations Community Hall to inform the SNGR Community about the impacts of the work stoppage at NRL. The conference was broadcasted live to air on CKRZ radio and the SNGRDC Facebook page.
- **February 19, 2019**- Colin Martin attended the press conference and read a statement from HCCC regarding NRL.
- **\*\*April 1, 2019**- HONI advised SNGRDC that have formally informed the HCCC that they would not be accepting their counterproposal to complete the NRL.
- **April 18, 2019**- SNGRDC sent a letter to HCCC noting that Hydro One advised SNGRDC & HCCC that they will not entertain a counter proposal to complete NRL. The letter advises HCCC that A6N has been instructed to return to work on April 29, 2019.

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- **April 29, 2019-** Return to work did not occur- A group of individuals visited the NRL site to block A6N from accessing the site. A discussion was had between SNGRDC staff & the individuals at the site. The individuals advised they will not be allowing A6N on to the site to complete the work & SNGRDC was to meet with the HCCC. A BBQ was held at Six Nations Veterans Park to share project information.
- **May 4, 2019-** SNGRDC attended HCCC meeting to discuss NRL and the cease & desist.
- **\*\* May 6, 2019-** HONI advised SNGRDC that they received a letter from HCCC that restated the transmission line would not be completed without their consent, however invited them to meet to discuss developing a future relationship.
- **May 15, 2019-** SNGRDC sent a letter to HCCC with a proposed path forward for developing a working relationship. Part of this proposal asked HCCC to lift the cease & desist.
- **June 12, 2019-** SNGRDC received letter from HCCC noting they will not be lifting their cease & desist on NRL at this time. Letter requests SNGRDC to cease and desist any and all further activity until HCCC can meet to determine if permitted to operate in territories.
- **June 19, 2019-** SNGRDC attended a meeting with the HCCC at the Onondaga Cookhouse.
- **June 20, 2019-** SNGRDC sent a letter to HCCC stating 1) SNGRDC will defer any plans to recommence work on the NRL for up to 10 days to allow HCCC to engage with Hydro One Executive, subject to SNGRDC having an observer present in any and all discussions. 2) SNGRDC would enter into early stage discussions with HCCC to explore MOU of Communications and Understanding for future projects. 3) SNGRDC would share its Historical Record of Understanding with the HCCC. SNGRDC Board noted that its decision to grant approvals 1, 2 and 3 (above) were given with the goal of having the HCCC Cease and Desist lifted by July 1, 2019.
- **\*\*June 27, 2019-** A meeting took place with HONI and HCCC. SNGRDC President/CEO was not permitted by HCCC to attend the meeting.
- **July 2, 2019-** HONI issued A6N a notice to return to work on July 4, 2019.
- **July 2, 2019-** SNGRDC sent a letter to HCCC indicating A6N, a contractor for NRL, received a back to work notice from Hydro One for the Niagara Reinforcement Line and will be returning to work on July 4, 2019.
- **\*\*July 4, 2019-** HCCC emailed HONI to inform them that “the HCCC is not taking any other steps to prevent work nor has the HCCC directed anyone in particular to enforce their cease-and-desist order.”
- **July 4, 2019-** A6N attempted to go back to work at 9am, they were stopped by individuals on the site who were advised they were upholding the HCCC cease and desist.

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