# NAVIGATING ONTARIO'S EVOLVING ENERGY LANDSCAPE: A UTILITY'S EXPERIENCE





# **Electricity Industry in Ontario**

#### Structure

#### **Ministry of Energy**

Sets overall policy for energy sector through laws and regulations.





#### **Ontario Energy Board (OEB)**

Regulates utilities sector, natural gas & electricity markets. Approves and sets distribution rates.

#### **Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO)**

Leads the planning and operation of Ontario's power system. Balances supply and demand in Ontario.



#### Generation

Hydro, nuclear, wind, solar, natural gas





#### **Transmission**

Connects generation to local distribution networks



#### **Distribution**

Own and operate local distribution networks to deliver power to customers





#### **Retailers**

Private companies that sell electricity. Prices set through contracts.



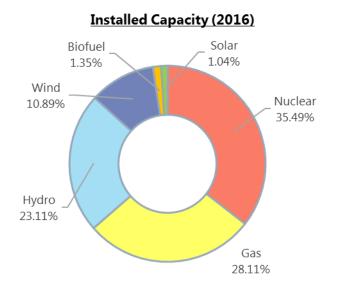


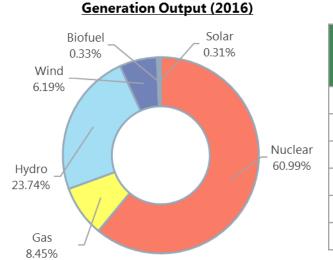
ONE-WAY FLOW OF ELECTRICITY



# Ontario's Electricity Supply – Domestic Generation

- Ontario Power Generation (OPG) produces more than half of Ontario's electricity (nuclear and hydro power plants)
- Other private-sector electricity generators produce power from nuclear, natural gas, bio-energy, solar and wind sources.
- Ontario's installed generation capacity totals 36,563 MW





	Total Unit Cost of Generation (Cents/kWh)
Nuclear	6.9
Hydro	5.8
Gas	20.5
Wind	17.3
Solar	48.0
Bio	13.1

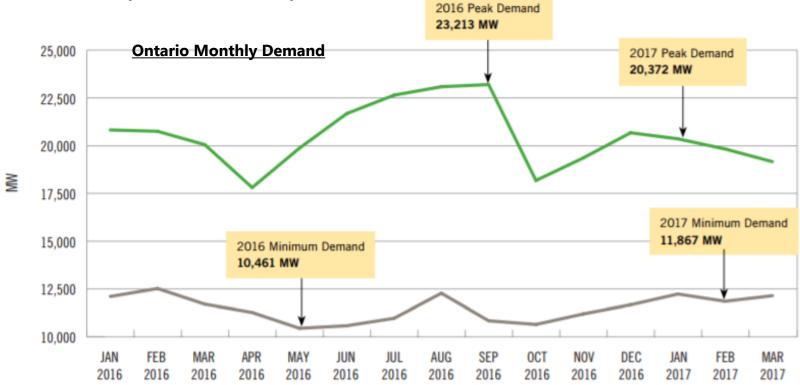
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# Ontario's Electricity Supply – Challenges

There are significant variations in Ontario's demand throughout the year,

both daily and seasonally.

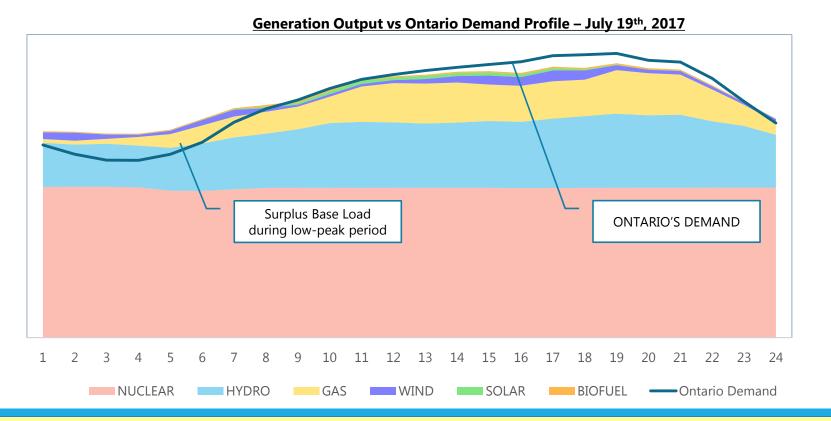


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#### Generation Baseload

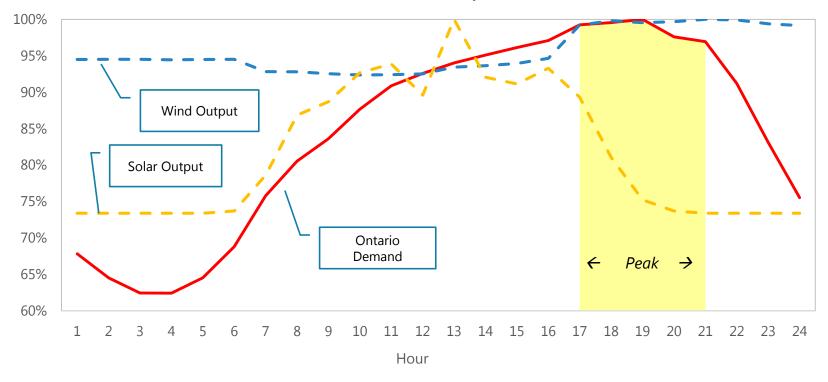
 Ontario's system is structured with: baseload generation, peaking generation and variable generation.





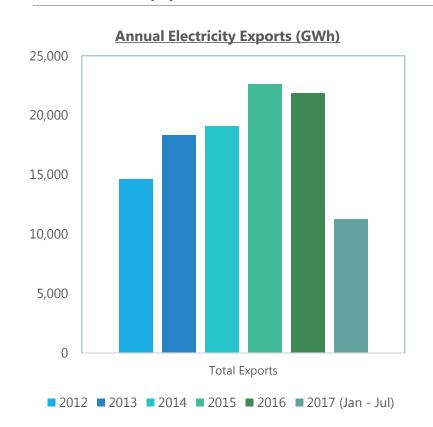
# Surplus Baseload Generation (SBG) – Wind / Solar

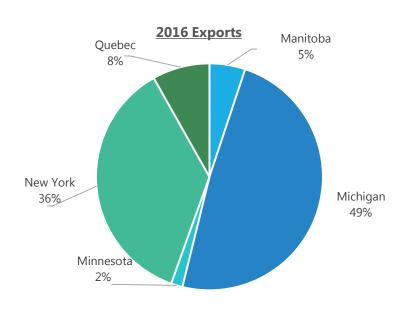
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Ontario Demand vs Wind and Solar Generation Output (Normalized to Peak Values)





# What happens to the SBG?

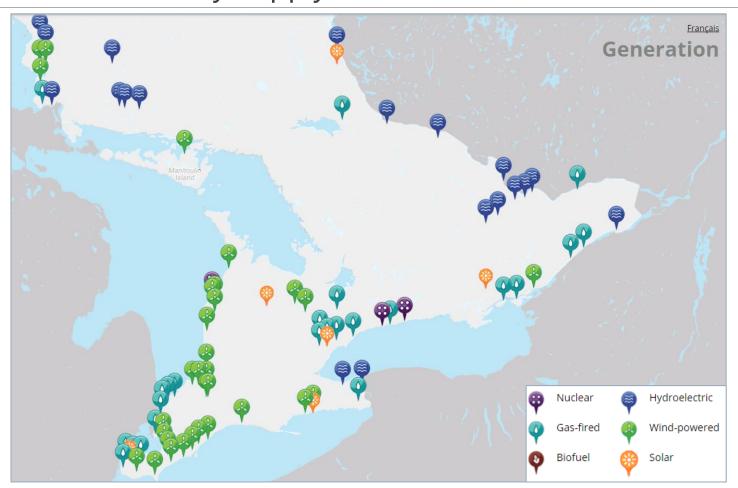




**To think about:** How can we can keep SBG in Ontario instead of relying on exports or curtailment?



# Ontario's Electricity Supply – Domestic Generation





## **Transmission**

 Hydro One Networks is the province's primary transmission systems operator, operating approximately 97% of Ontario's high voltage transmission grid.



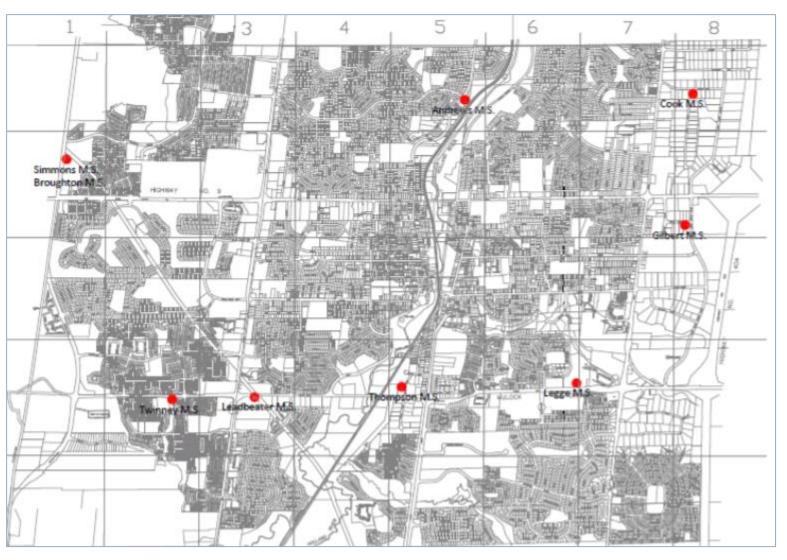


#### Distribution

- Local distribution companies (LDCs) own and operate distribution networks that take electricity from transmission system / other local sources of generation and deliver it to consumers.
- Transformer stations (TS) step down the high-voltage electricity for distribution.
  - Newmarket service area receives deliveries of bulk power through 8 x 44kV feeders.
  - Tay service area receives power from Hydro One Networks as a Low Voltage customer.
- Distribution sub-stations further step-down electricity for local distribution.
  - There are 9 distribution substations in Newmarket service territory and 3 distribution substations in Tay territory.

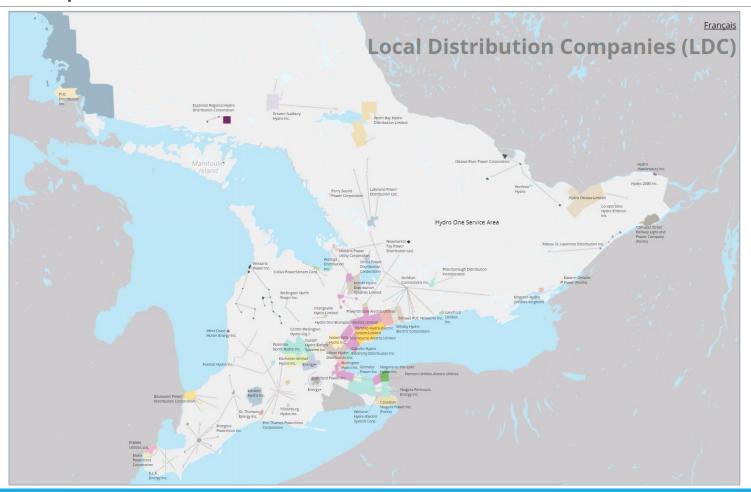
# Distribution stations in Newmarket take power at 44kV and transform it down to 13.8kV:







# A Snapshot of LDCs Across Ontario





# Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.

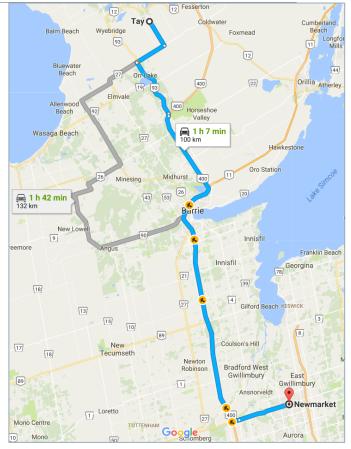
WHO WE ARE



# Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. (NTPDL)

Service Area	74 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total Length of Distribution Wires</b>	855 km
No. of Customer (2016)	35,460
Energy Delivered (2016)	634 GWh
Average Demand (2016)	76.13 kW

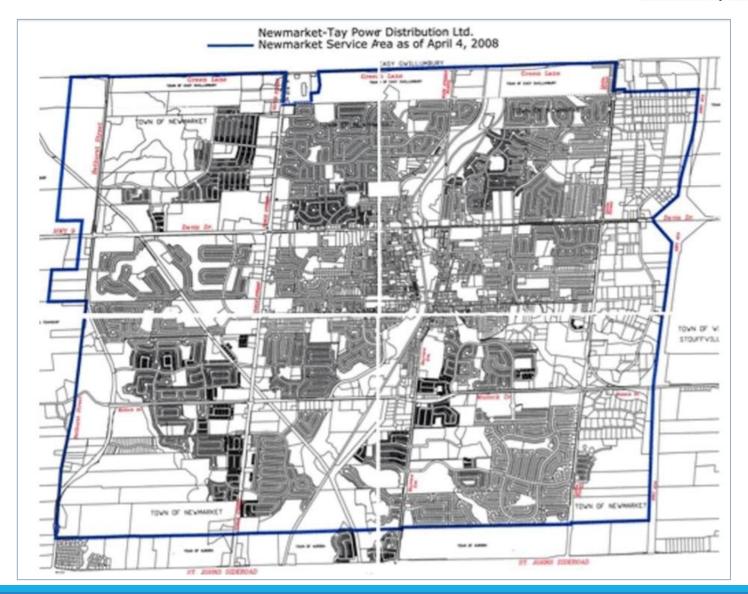
# NTPDL Customer Class Distribution NTPDL Energy Consumption by Customer Class\* Residential, 9% Residential, 90% Commercial, 14%



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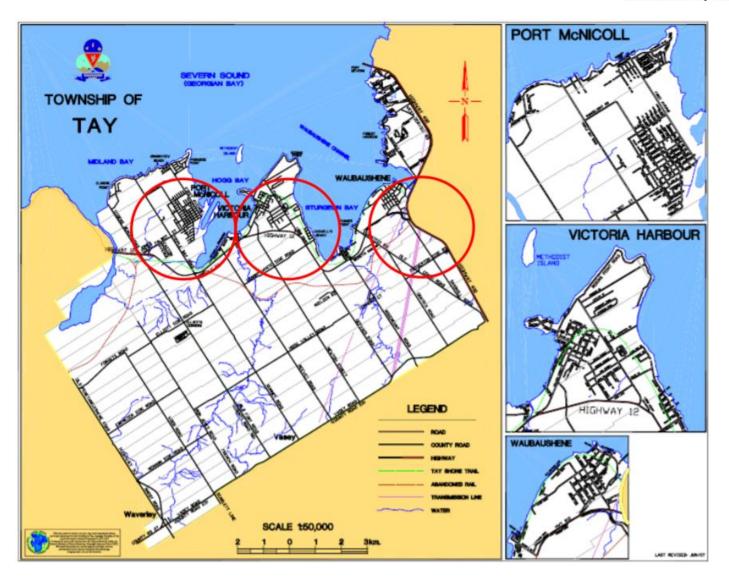


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# NTPDL - A Leader in Innovation

NTPDL IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE PROVINCE'S EFFORTS TO ATTAIN A RELIABLE AND BALANCED GRID



# We See System Challenges as Opportunities to Innovate

#### 1. Energy Conservation

• Deliver conservation programs to foster a conservation culture and contribute to overall reduction in provincial energy consumption.

#### 2. Demand Response

 Promote / Pilot programs that encourage peak shifting to lessen stress on the grid during peak periods.

#### 3. Small Scale Pilots

 Integrate new technologies on a small-scale to evaluate gridinteroperability and advise on large-scale, provincial deployment.



# **Energy Conservation**

 NTPDL works hand-in-hand with the municipality to foster a culture of conservation in the community and support provincial and federal GHG reduction efforts.

# Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP)

- GHG emissions reduction by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.
- Electricity conservation target of 30 TWh in 2032.

#### Municipal Energy Plan

- Reduce per capita primary energy use by 40% from 2013 baseline by 2031.
- Reduce per capita GHG emissions by 40% from 2013 baseline by 2031.

#### Conservation First Framework

- NTPDL is committed to reducing energy consumption by **36.24 GWh** to contribute to Provincial target of 7 TWh reduction by 2020.
- From 2015-2016, NTPDL has successfully achieved 39% reduction.



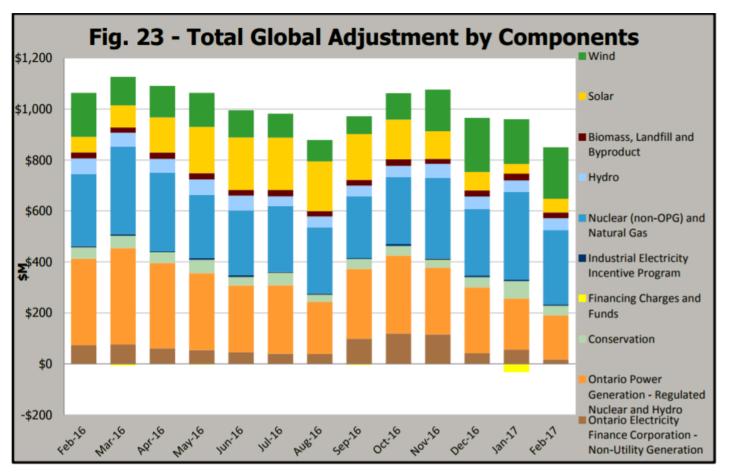
# **Demand Response:** Industrial Conservation Initiative

- Under ICI, large consumers are charged Global Adjustment (GA)
  based on their contribution to Ontario's top 5 demand hours over a
  12-month period (Peak Demand Factor, PDF). Customers participating
  in ICI are referred to as Class A.
- Eligibility: Average Peak Demand > 1 MW or Average Peak Demand
   > 500 kW for manufacturing and industrial sectors only.
- Rather than paying Class B rates, Class A customers pay: HOEP + GA where GA is calculated as:

PDF x Ontario's Global Adjustment Charge

# What's Global Adjustment?



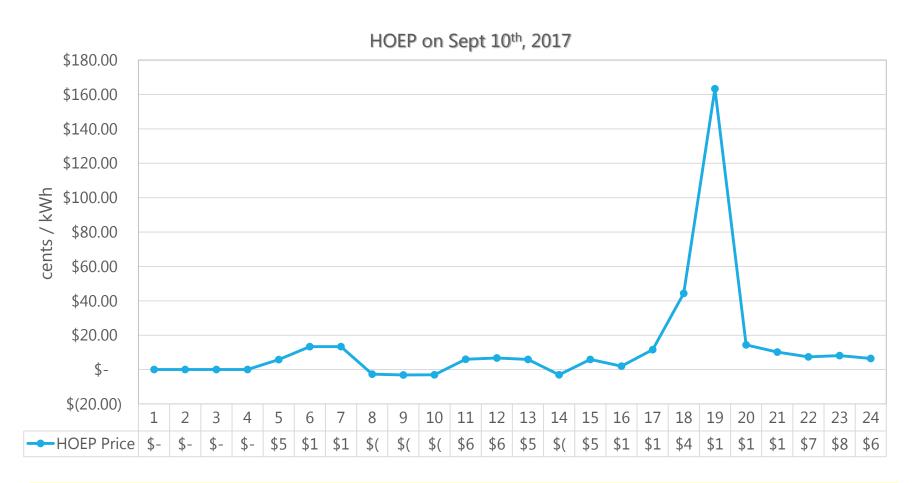


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017 (M\$)	927.7	850.1	770	965.7	1144.5	1208.8	1096.1					
2016 (M\$)	1070.6	1063.7	1120.1	1090.7	1060.8	995.3	981.8	878.6	967.7	1062.3	1076.1	965.5

Source: IESO



# What's HOEP (Hourly Ontario Energy Price)?

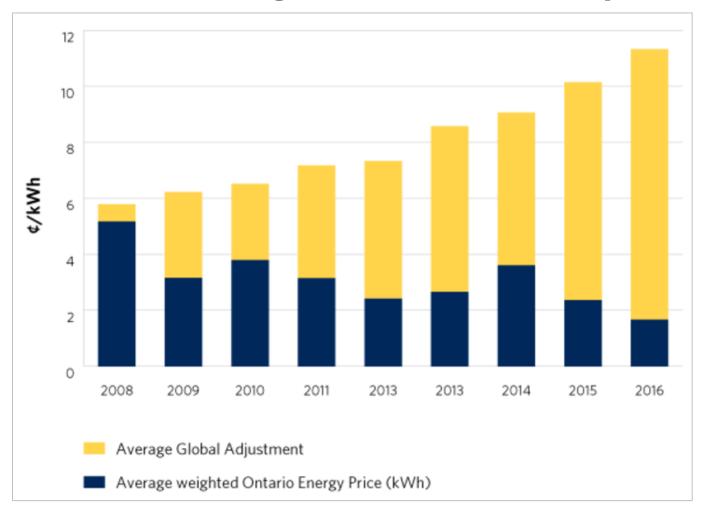


**HOEP**: the commodity price for electricity in Ontario charged to large consumers and LDCs.

Source: IESO



# "Zero-Sum" – As HOEP goes Down, GA Goes Up





# **Demand Response:** Industrial Conservation Initiative

• **Peak Demand Factor**: a customer's contribution to Ontario's top 5 peaks during the previous year.

Rank	Date	Hour Ending	AQEW (MW)	Customer's Contribution to Top Peaks (MW)
1	September-07-16	17	22,527	3.22
2	August-10-16	18	22,637	3.14
3	August-11-16	17	22,318	3.08
4	July-13-16	18	22,189	3.33
5	August-12-16	17	21,904	3.47
			111,575	16.25

PDF = 16.25 / 111,575 = 0.000145603

 By reducing their PDF by reducing consumption during Ontario Peak days, Class A customers can significantly reduce their Global Adjustment charge.

# **Demand Response:** Time-of-Use (TOU) Pilot

- **Objective:** Will customers move energy-consuming activities to Off-Peak hours to take advantage of lower electricity TOU rates?
- **Parameters:** 250 residential customers were charged electricity at the below parameters during the pilot period of 2007 2009.

Time	Summer Period (May 1 - Oct 31)	Winter Period (Nov 1 – April 30)
Off-Peak	10pm – 7am* weekdays and all day on weekends and holidays	10pm – 7am* weekdays and all day on weekends and holidays
Mid-Peak	7am – 11am and 5pm – 10pm* weekdays	11am – 5pm and 8pm – 10pm* weekdays
On-Peak	11am – 5pm weekdays	7am – 11am and 5pm – 8pm* weekdays

Cents per kWh	Nov '06 - April '07	May '07 - Oct '07	Nov '07 - April '08	May '08 - Oct '08	Nov '08 - April '09	May '09 - Nov '09
On-peak	9.7	9.2	8.7	9.3	8.8	9.1
Mid-peak	7.1	7.2	7	7.3	7.2	7.6
Off-peak	3.4	3.2	3	2.7	4	4.2

• **Results:** Control group reduced their on-peak consumption by an average 2.8%, equivalent to taking 1,000 homes off the grid.

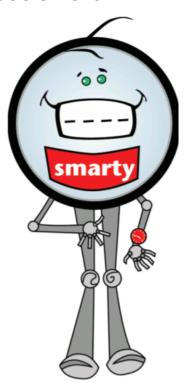
	Parameter Estimates
On-Peak	-2.80%
Mid-Peak	1.39%
Off-Peak	0.16%
Weekends	2.21%



# **Demand Response:** Time-of-Use Pilot

 NTPDL was at the forefront of Ontario's Smart Metering Initiative – led the Provincial rollout of smart meters by deploying 27,000 smart meters in 8 months across its entire customer base.

- Best practices executed for successful deployment:
  - Ran pilot to test customer receptiveness and technology.
  - Full roll-out of smart meters was completed in phases.
  - A character, "Smarty ", was created to help educate and market smart meter implementation in the community.
  - Hosted public meetings throughout the community to introduce smart meters and TOU.
  - Distributed brochures on smart meters, bill inserts on conservation tools and programs and advertising in local media.





# **Small Scale Pilots:** Battery Storage Pilot

- Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP, 2013) committed the province to procuring 50 MW of energy storage (ES) to learn how energy storage works in real-world applications.
- The IESO, tasked with fulfilling the 50 MW target, awarded contracts in 2 Phases to projects that will integrate ES technologies into the Ontario grid.

Phase	Proponent	Technology	MW
I	Canadian Solar Solutions Inc	Battery	4
I	Convergent Energy and Power LLC	Battery, Flywheel	12
I	Dimplex North America LTD	Thermal	0.74
I	Hecate Energy	Battery	14.8
I	Hydrogenics Corp.	Hydrogen	2
II	Ameresco Canada Inc.	Battery - Solid	4
II	SunEdison Canada Originiation LP	Battery - Flow	4
II	NextEra Canada Dev. & Acquisitions Inc	Battery - Solid	4
II	NRStor Inc	Compressed Air	1.75
II	Baseload Power Corp	Battery - Flow	2



# **Small Scale Pilots:** Battery Storage Pilot

- **Objective:** Determine if grid-connected battery storage can support "peak shaving" as well as provide on-going grid reliability and stability as more renewable energy come online.
- **Parameters:** Ameresco will design, build, own, operate and maintain 2 x 2 MW, 4-hour "Battery Solid", Tesla Powerpacks. Battery systems will be connected to Newmarket Hydro's 44 kV feeders. The IESO will manage discharge and dispatch of batteries.
- **Status:** in planning stage Target in service, May 2018. Ameresco has up to 30 months to come into service and a contract term of 10 years.
- NTPDL will use the best practices accredited to success of smart meter roll-out to ensure community education and acceptance.



# Small Scale Pilots: Battery Storage Pilot







#### **Small Scale Pilots:** Transit Electrification

- NTPDL is first in Ontario to participate in an electric bus pilot project as part of CUTRIC\* "Pan-Ontario Electric Bus Demonstration and Integration Trial".
- This Trial will add 6 electric buses to 2 transit routes on the York Region Transit (YRT) as well as an overhead on-route bus charging station.





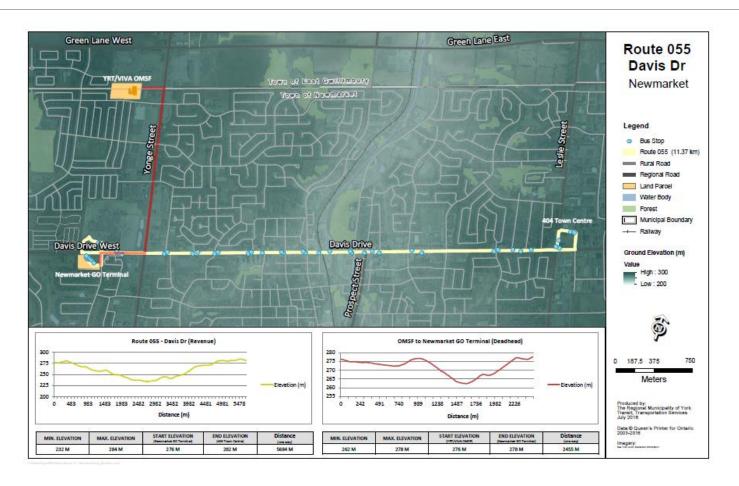


#### **Fundamentals**

- Two different Canadian-manufactured bus types will be used, to be owned by YRT:
  - 4 by New Flyer (200kWh long range)
  - 2 by NOVA Bus (76kWh short range)
- The overhead bus charger, to be owned and maintained by NTPDL, provides on-route opportunity charging for the buses. (up to ~5 min charge time). Result is range extension.



## Davis Drive Route 55



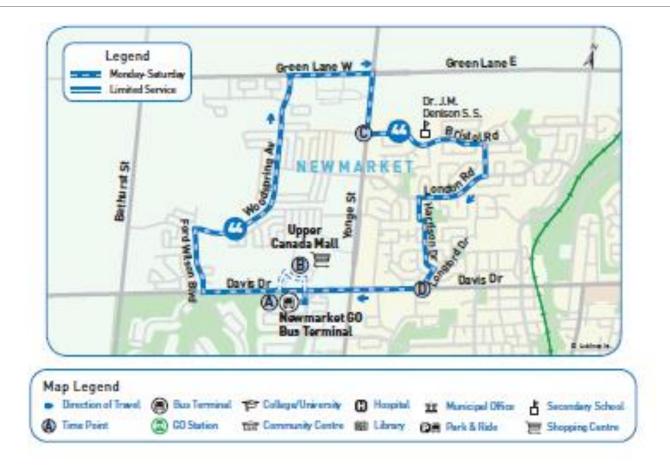


## Davis Drive Route 55





## **Bristol Route 44**





# **EV Overhead Charger Specifications**

Input Voltage	600/347V (+/- 5%) AC (60Hz) 3 phase, 4 wire
Output Voltage	Within 450 – 750V DC range
Power Rating	450kW DC maximum output power

- Limit on total harmonic distortion is not to exceed 5%
- Overhead inverted pantograph based on OppCharge Automatic Conductive Charging Interface
- DC connection standard based on IEC 61851-23
- WiFi communication charger/vehicle via IEEE 802.11a (5 GHz)/ compliant with ISO 15118



# EV Bus Charger substation





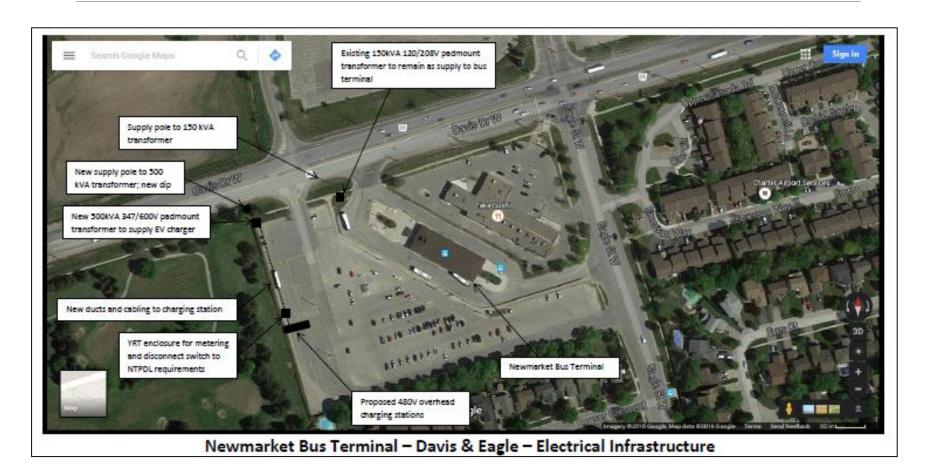
# EV Bus Charger Mast / Bus Charging







# **EV** Charger location





### **Trial Outcomes**

NTPDL believes this trial will serve not only as a technology testbed but also as a nexus for economic growth provincially and nationally, and it will create environmental and social benefits for Ontarians and Canadians in the following ways:

- 1. Provide a basis for development of EV transit infrastructure in Ontario and provide the market for promoting investment in vehicles and charging infrastructure production facility.
- Demonstrate the ability to reduce GHG emissions through electrification of bus transit routes thereby supporting Provincial and Federal GHG reduction targets.
- 3. Support the goals of Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan and the Town of Newmarket's Municipal Community Energy Plan.

Route 55 is expected to reduce GHG emissions by 60,000 - 120,000 kg of  $CO_2$  per year. YRT target is to be GHG free by 2051.

## **Obstacles**

- Regulatory limitations on charger ownership
- Charger location
- Charger familiarity
- Demand Charges
- Cost
- Limited local support at present for charger (parts, maintenance, etc.)
- Maintaining on-time performance

#### Risks

- Long term reliability of the station infrastructure.
- Post-trial cost of ongoing maintenance and support for the charging station infrastructure.
- Changes in the route/changer location affecting cost and servicing ability.
- Commitment of the local transit agency to continue EV bus utilization on the Trial specific route once the Trial is completed.
- Existing charging station compatibility with finalized plug-and-play overhead charging systems and future busses to be procured by the local transit agency.
- Ability to access charging station/EV vehicle data required for performance analysis throughout the trial period.

#### **Risks**

- Lack of certainty as to whether the bus, the charging station, and the utility can communicate with one another seamlessly to support demand management mechanisms or load-shifting wherever and whenever appropriate - currently, charging station providers have not demonstrated data confirming that their communications tools have been optimized for the Canadian or Ontario utility context.
- Current and future regulatory decisions affecting charging station ownership and operation, electricity rates for charging EVs, and ability of LDCs to make a rate of return on the charging stations investment.
- The charging station is a specific infrastructure installation to service EV transit busses. At this time, it cannot be used for other EV or electrical grid purposes. The above risk could potentially affect the long-term utilization and usefulness of the facility to NTPDL.

# Thank You!

Q&A

