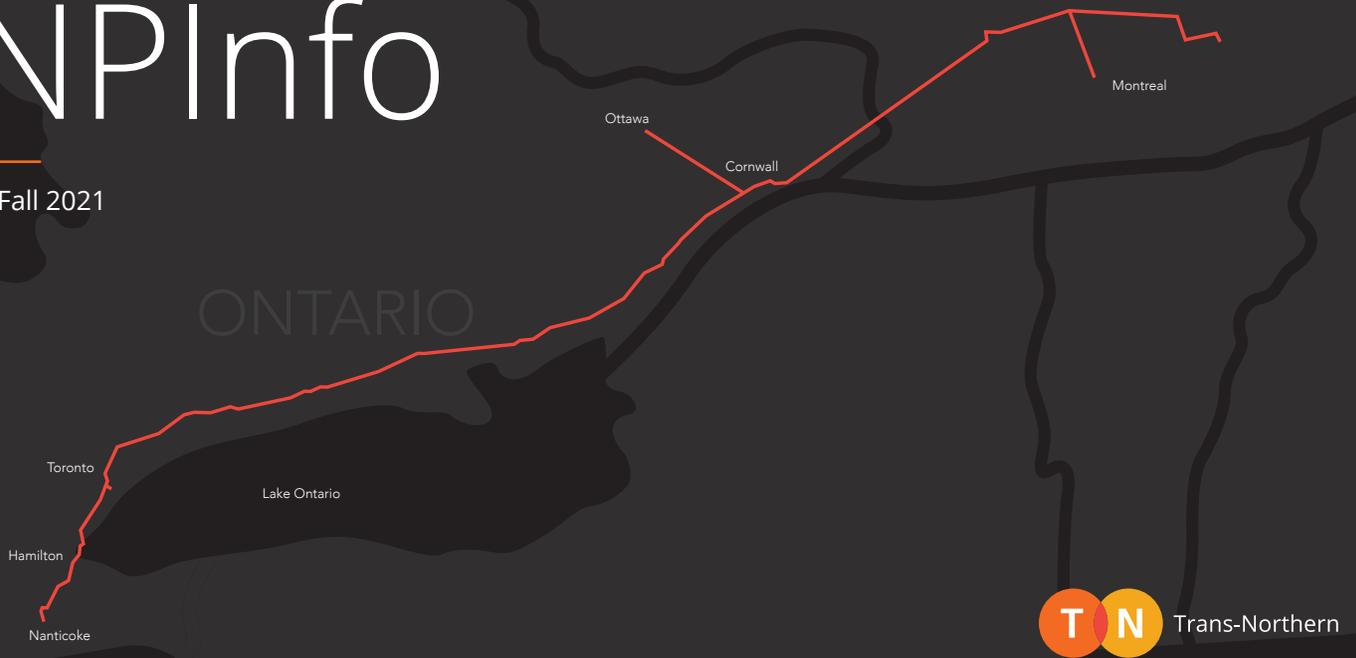


TNPI Info

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Working together to protect workers and pipelines

Working around pipelines and other underground utilities can be dangerous - especially if you don't know where they are. Hitting a transmission pipeline can have catastrophic consequences to the environment, and in extreme cases, can lead to death.

That's why pipeline companies take damage prevention very seriously. Every year, millions of dollars are spent on awareness campaigns to remind companies, contractors and landowners to call or click before they dig. State-of-the-art technology is used to closely monitor pipelines from the ground and sky to catch anyone who may be digging without permission.

This surveillance is what recently led to a unique learning opportunity and, ultimately, success story in Quebec. TNPI noticed contractors of the province's utility company, Hydro-Québec, were working along its pipeline route without permission. Most of the time it involved contractors installing power poles, which are dug deep into the ground.

Hydro-Québec is a Crown Corporation responsible for the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity within the province. The organization's construction and maintenance activities to sustain its vast network of below and above-ground distribution lines often require digging and excavation. As an owner of buried infrastructure and a member of Québec's damage prevention centre, Info-Excavation, Hydro-Québec strongly encourages anyone

undertaking any type of excavation to be aware of what's below to avoid what can be serious consequences of inadvertently striking buried assets. While there are no provincial laws stating workers must call or click before they dig in Quebec, there are federal regulations that cover the large, interprovincial transmission pipelines.

TNPI met with the utility company's leadership. A series of conversations with both Hydro-Québec and its contractors led to the company changing its internal policies. In addition to executing an employee awareness program, Hydro-Québec has mandated that all contractors call Quebec's one-call system Info-Excavation before breaking ground.

Since the changes were made, TNPI has not recorded any unauthorized activities related to work activities by the provincial utility company along its pipeline. A significant step forward in addressing damage prevention and worker safety.

The goal is to reach zero incidents, which requires collaboration both within the industry and with partners.

Important FAQs regarding the right-of-way

What is a right-of-way (ROW)?

A pipeline right-of-way is the strip of land in which the pipeline is located. The width of the right-of-way for TNPI can be as wide as 18.29 metres (60 feet) for the entire length of the pipeline.

What is a right-of-way or easement agreement?

A right-of-way (ROW) agreement may be known by other names, such as a Statutory Right-of-Way Agreement, Pipeline Right-of-Way Agreement, Easement Agreement or Utility Right-of-Way Agreement.

A ROW or easement agreement is a written agreement between the pipeline company and the landowner. Usually, a ROW agreement allows the company to construct and operate the pipeline while the landowner still owns the property. A ROW agreement sets out the rights and obligations for both the company and the landowner regarding the use of the property for the location of the pipeline, and will specify restrictions on the use of the land.

The company has the right to use the property to build, operate, and maintain the pipeline once a ROW agreement is in effect. The company will then register the agreement on title with the local registry office. The agreement remains registered on title for the life of the pipeline, even if the land is sold and purchased by new owners.

What is a prescribed area?

TNPI's regulator, the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) has established a 30-metre (100-foot) prescribed area measured perpendicularly on each side, from the centreline of the pipeline, in addition to the pipeline's ROW. This is done to protect the people, the environment, and the pipeline, and requires permission from the pipeline company for any construction or ground disturbance on, across, along, or under the pipeline within that 30-metre area.

What am I permitted to do in the right-of-way?

Trans-Northern encourages landowners to continue using the land where the ROW is situated, while noting the installation or construction of any facility over the ROW, or excavations/ground disturbances within the prescribed area (an area measured 30 metres perpendicularly from the centreline of the pipe) requires written permission from Trans-Northern.

Did you know... The Trans-Northern Pipelines web site has resources just for our landowners? These include a contact number (289-475-5369) and email address (info@tnpi.ca), as well as a landowner survey where you can share your feedback. Visit tnpi.ca/landowners for full details.

What do you think of TNPI Info? Submit your feedback and content ideas to: info@tnpi.ca today!

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In the coming months, preventative maintenance such as integrity digs, brush clearing, water course mitigation, and site screenings, as well as project work are scheduled to be performed (subject to change) in the following communities:

Ontario

- Augusta
- Bath
- Belleville
- Brighton
- Burlington
- Chesterville
- Clarington
- Cobourg
- Dundas
- Grafton
- Haldimand
- Hamilton
- Iroquois
- Kingston
- Mississauga
- North Dundas
- Oakville
- Oshawa
- Ottawa
- Pickering
- Port Hope
- Prescott
- Quinte West
- Scarborough
- South Dundas
- South Stormont
- Stormont

- Trenton

- Whitby
- Winchester

Québec

- Dorval
- Laval
- St-Eustache
- Montréal
- Montréal-Nord

Important reminders

We *all* play a role in pipeline safety and damage prevention.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



Pipelines are recognized as the safest method of transporting refined petroleum products over long distances. Although pipeline leaks are very rare, it's important to know the signs and what to do if you suspect a leak.

If you suspect a leak due to visible flow or pooling of a petroleum product, an unusual oil stain on land or the appearance of a sheen or bubbles in water, the smell of gasoline or oil, or the appearance of dead or discoloured vegetation on or near the pipeline right-of-way...

- Move to a safe location
- Call 911
- Then call our Emergency Services hotline at **1-800-361-0608** – available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Your safety, and that of the environment, are Trans-Northern's top priority.

