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Mount Forest's Electricity Capacity Increased to Meet Future Growth Demands

Mount Forest, ON - At 9am on Friday December 23rd 2016, the new power line supplying electricity to Mount Forest was officially turned on following several months of pole-line construction in the town and along highway #6. The collaboration between Wellington North Power and Hydro One Networks is in response to the electricity capacity issue facing Mount Forest.

This project was also supported by the Township of Wellington North which owns 97% of Wellington North Power. The concern of available electricity capacity in Mount Forest was raised by local businesses through the Business Retention & Expansion interview process, as well as, at the Municipal Developer's Forum hosted by the Township Of Wellington North in March 2016 that provided a platform for thoughtful exchange on issues and challenges facing Wellington North and the current development environment.

"Growth projections show that Wellington North is second only to Centre Wellington for the largest growth in Wellington County over the next 25 years," commented Township of Wellington North Mayor, Andy Lennox. He added, "This poses us with both opportunities and challenges. Securing the new second-line feeder overcomes the potential electricity capacity barrier for future growth."

Jim Klujber, Chief Operating Officer for Wellington North Power, commented, "This is a great achievement for the utility, the Township and our community. This second feeder increases our electricity capacity servicing Mount Forest and prepares us for future growth and economic development in the area. We completed this construction project on time and within budget."

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