

# Notice of Study Commencement and Open House

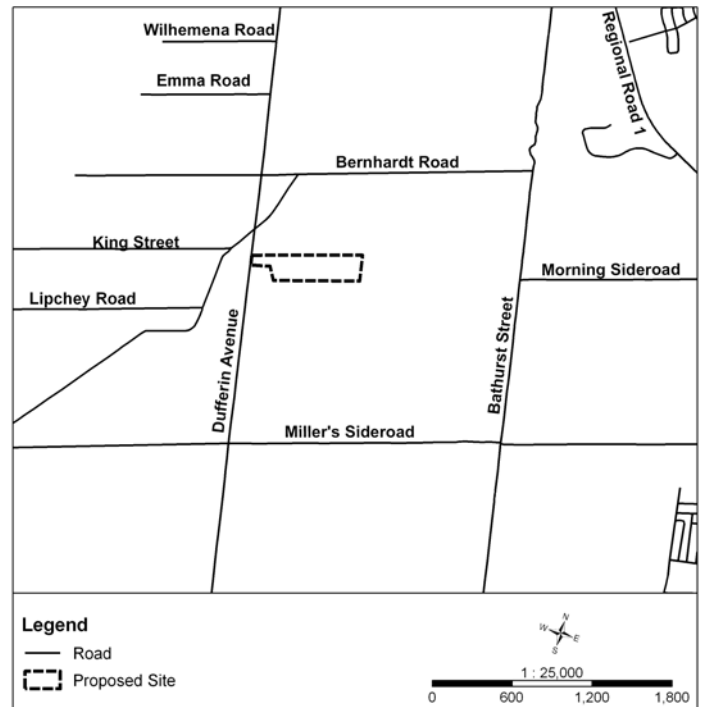
## Environmental Screening & Environmental Review

### York Energy Centre

Pristine Power Inc., a leading developer of power projects in Canada, has commenced an environmental assessment (EA) for the York Energy Centre, located in the Township of King in the Regional Municipality of York, Ontario. The location of the project is identified on the map.

The York Energy Centre is being proposed in response to the Minister of Energy's directive to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to procure approximately 350 MW of new gas-fired peaking generation in Northern York Region.

According to the OPA and the Region of York, the northern York Region area is experiencing rapid growth. As a result, electricity demand in the area is expected to grow by more than three percent annually for the next 10 years. Upgrades to the electricity system in the southern part of York Region took place in 2004; however, there have been no major improvements in the northern part since the 1990s. In September 2005, the OPA submitted a report to the Ontario Energy Board recommending a multi-stage plan to meet the region's electricity requirements and ensure an affordable, reliable, and secure electricity service (for further information please visit OPA's website at: <http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/>).



If the Project is awarded to Pristine Power Inc. through a Power Purchase Agreement from the OPA and if environmental approvals, permits, and licenses are granted, the facility would be constructed.

The York Energy Centre is a Category B Project, as defined in the Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects (MOE, March 2001), and is subject to an Environmental Screening. Pristine has determined that it will undertake the more detailed Environmental Review Stage of the Environmental Screening Process, which is currently underway. The study, called an Environmental Review Report, will be available for public and agency review once completed.

#### **Open House**

Pristine Power Inc. is committed to consulting with community members, stakeholder groups, First Nations, and Government agencies throughout the EA Process. The consultation process will seek stakeholder input regarding various aspects of the project. To facilitate this process, the first information Open House for the York Energy Centre will be held on September 10, 2008 from 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Holland Marsh District Christian School located at 18955 Dufferin Street, Ansonveldt. The purpose of the Open House is to provide information about the Project, learn more about the EA process and provide feedback to Pristine Power Inc. about the Project.

For more information on this Project, or to have your name added to our mailing list, please contact us at the following:

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*Comments and information regarding this project will be collected as part of the Environmental Screening process (Electricity Project Regulation 116/01), being carried out under the Environmental Assessment Act. This information will be kept on file and may be included in the study documentation, which is made available for public review. Names and addresses will be kept confidential.*