

Before undertaking a power transmission project, Hydro-Québec conducts a public consultation program.

Hydro-Québec communicates with representatives of various levels of government, the official representatives of the communities, the property owners concerned, citizens, Aboriginal communities, community organizations, contractors, suppliers and local media.

The public participation process implemented by Hydro-Québec aims to ensure that projects blend in with their environment and enhances their acceptance by the community.

Public participation regarding a power transmission project

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Consultations with stakeholders help Hydro-Québec determine the line routes and substation sites that will have the least social, environmental, technical and economic impact. The discussions also mean that the company can develop projects that better meet the needs and expectations of the host community.

Hydro-Québec's public participation process for its transmission line and substation projects generally involves **three main steps:**

STEP 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

The general information step involves:

- establishing contact with you and informing you of the nature and justification of the project
- explaining the public participation process
- presenting the area covered by the technical and environmental analysis and studies
- listening to your concerns regarding the project.

STEP 2 – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The public consultation step addresses the substation sites and line routes studied.

This step involves:

- presenting the environmental and technical study results
- submitting the line routes and potential substation sites
- explaining the pros and cons of the potential line routes and substation sites
- validating the options for optimizing the line routes and substation sites
- integrating your concerns
- obtaining the greatest possible consensus.

STEP 3 – INFORMATION ON SOLUTION SELECTED

This step involves:

- announcing the scenario chosen, which will be submitted to government authorities to obtain the approvals required: line route, substation site, type of towers to be used, technical details, etc.
- explaining Hydro-Québec's choices
- presenting the planned mitigation measures regarding noise, lighting, traffic, road conditions, etc.

