

## **Expanding Hydro Generation in Northeastern Ontario**

Powering the province through (re)developments

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## **About OPG**

- We generate about half of the province's electricity (18,000+ MW of Capacity in Ontario)
- 11,000+ employees, from Kenora to Cornwall and across the U.S.
- 100+ years of operating experience
- A diverse fleet including nuclear, hydroelectric, thermal, natural gas, and solar generation



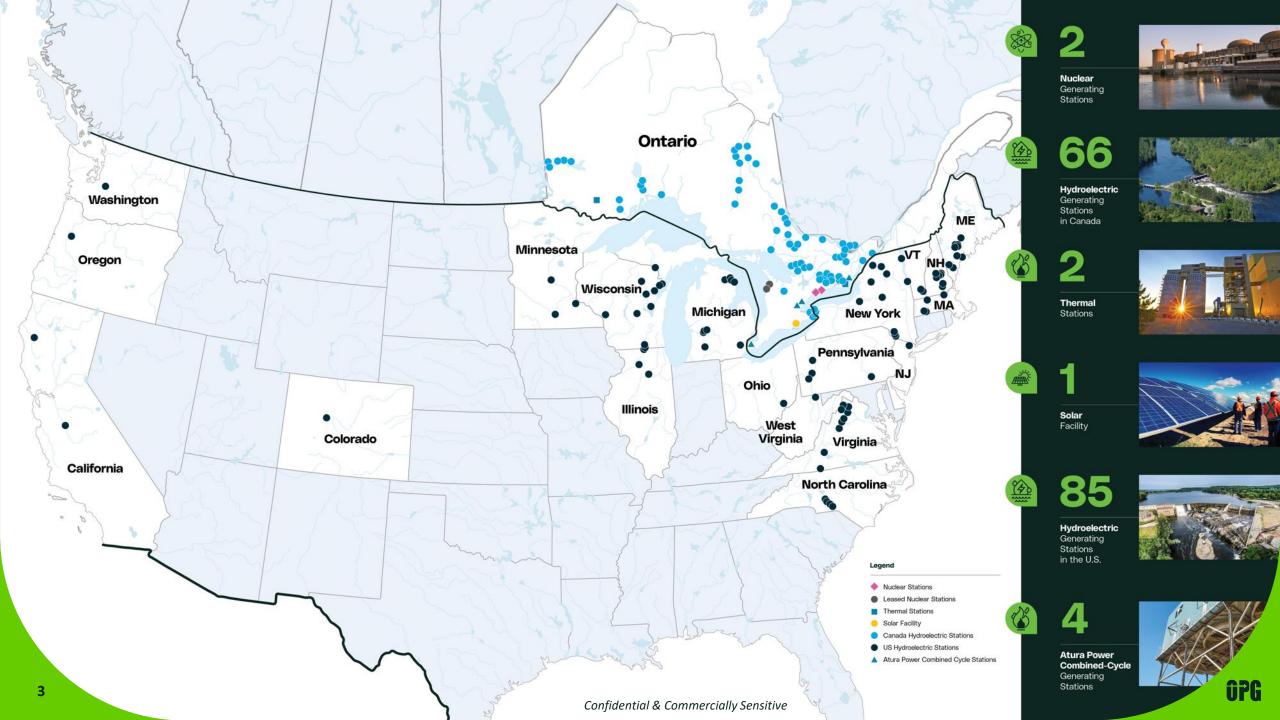












## **Our Subsidiaries**

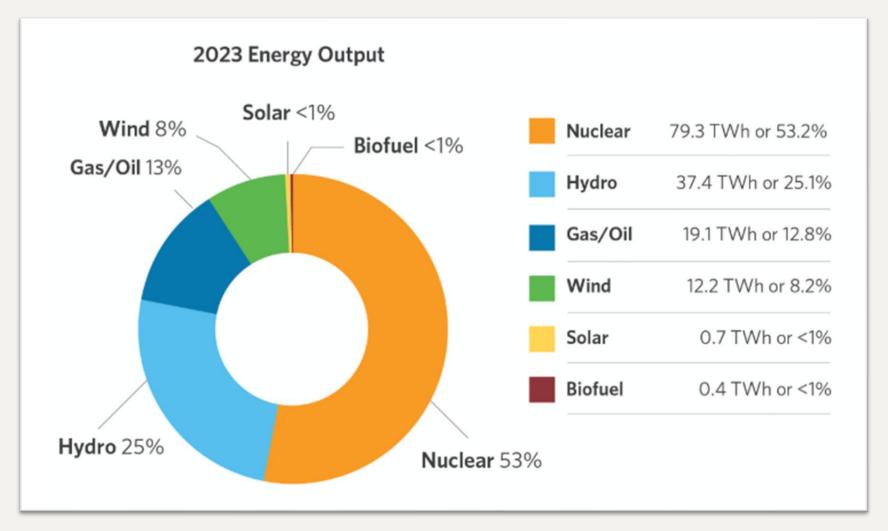








## **Ontario Energy Mix**

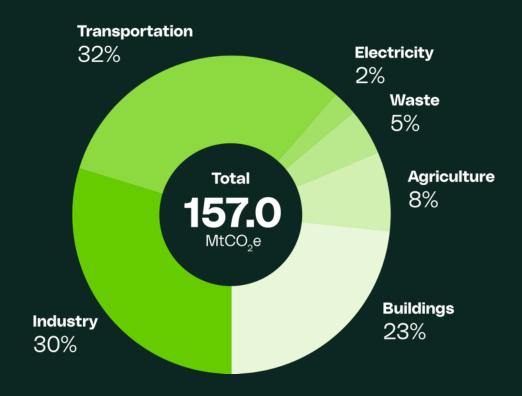


Source: IESO <u>2023 Year in Review</u>

# 2022 Ontario emissions by sector

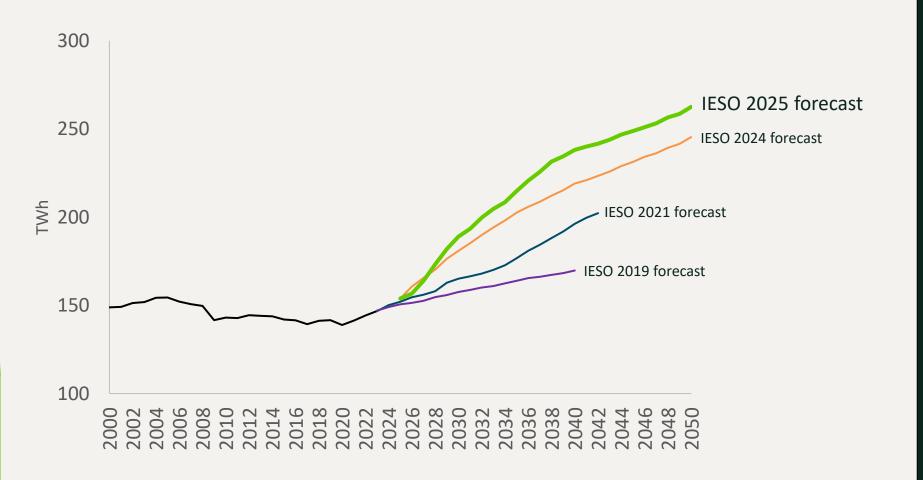
- Ontario already has a low-carbon electricity grid
- The electricity sector now accounts for just 2% of the province's carbon emissions

2022





## In the Immediate Future, hydro development will help Ontario electrify



Hydropower is poised to support economic growth and the electrification of other sectors.

OPG is evaluating high potential opportunities today to ensure projects are shovel-ready to meet growing electricity demands.



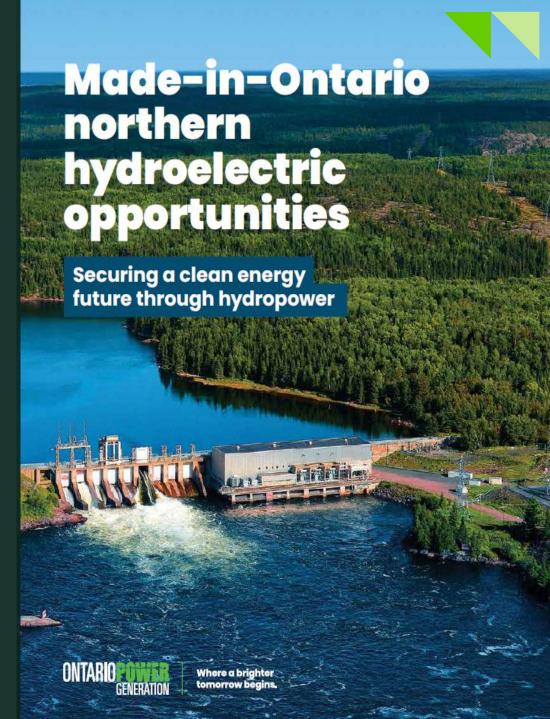
## **Northern Hydro Opportunities**

2023 Report highlights approx.

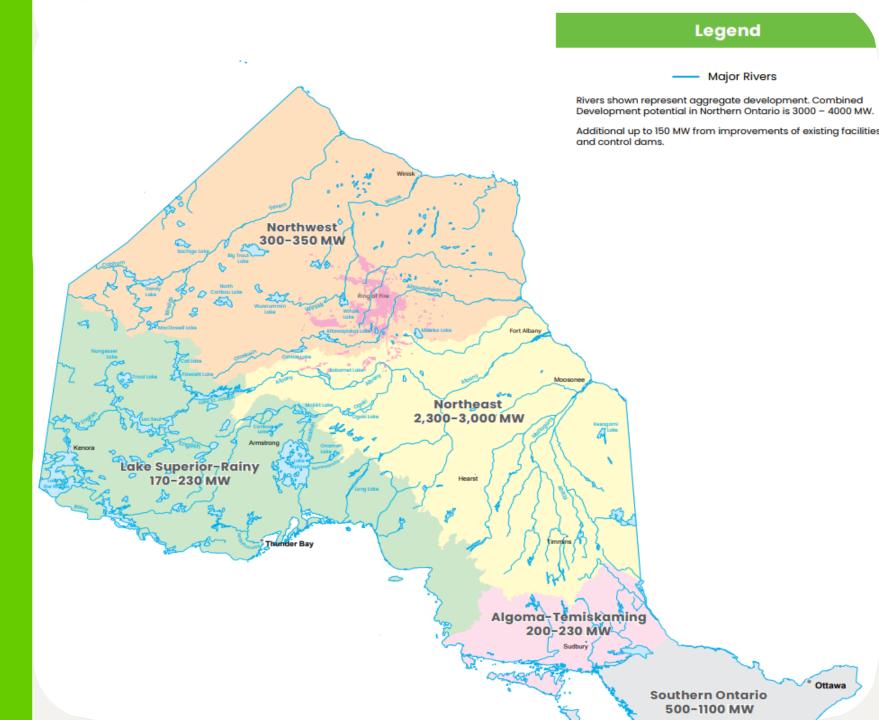
4,000MW of potential new hydro in Northern Ontario.

Hydroelectric projects are unique, providing:

- Intergenerational opportunities for First Nation economic growth with plant life >100 years;
- Reliable, low-cost, zero-emission electricity;
- Economic development opportunities for Northern Ontario



# Where Are the Opportunities?



# Redevelopment in Northeastern Ontario

Hydroelectric redevelopment (life-extension) projects are an important piece of asset maintenance and will help add capacity to the grid.



## **Northeastern Hydroelectric Operations**

- 14 stations on 7 river
  systems (Mattagami,
  Abitibi, Montreal,
  Matabitchuan, Sturgeon,
  South, Wanapitei)
- 6 work centers (Timmins, Kapuskasing, Abitibi Canyon, Dymond, North Bay, Coniston)





#### **Coniston GS**

Wanapitei River, Sudbury District

**Built: 1905** 

**Project Status:** 

Executed early 2025

MW increase:

 $2.7 \text{ MW} \rightarrow 6 \text{ MW}$ 

#### **Work includes:**

New headworks dam and two new headgates, two new penstocks, new powerhouse with DIVE turbine units, upgrades to other equipment.

**Expected completion:** 

Summer 2027



#### **Stinson GS**

Wanapitei River, Sudbury District

**Built: 1925** 

**Project Status:** 

**Executing Spring 2025** 

MW increase:

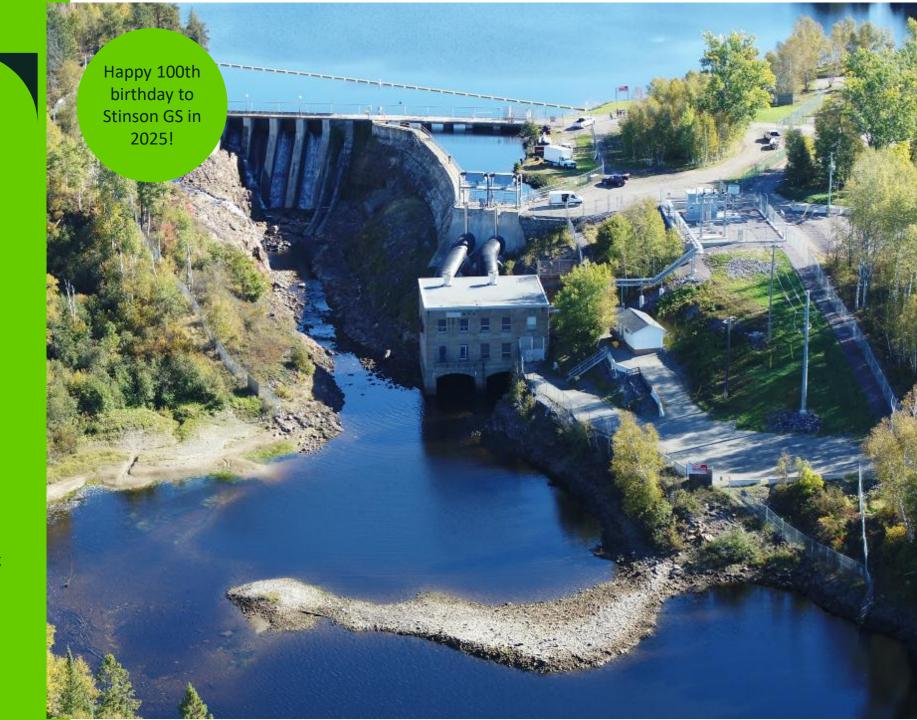
5.4 MW → 6 MW

#### **Work includes:**

New powerhouse, two new generating units, replacement of powerhouse mechanical and electrical equipment, refurbishment of existing isolation gates, new hoist structure and motor installed.

**Expected completion:** 

Summer 2027



## **Matabitchuan GS**

#### Matabitchuan River, Temiskaming District

**Built: 1910** 

**Project Status:** 

**Executing Spring 2025** 

MW increase:

7.5 MW → 12 MW

#### **Work includes:**

New powerhouse, two new generating units, replacement of part of penstock, replacement of electrical and mechanical equipment.

**Expected completion:** 

Winter 2027



## Recent Announcements







Minister of Energy announces refurbishment of Niagara Falls generating stations

- Minister supports OPG's refurbishment of hydro stations in the Niagara Region.
- Expected to create more than 200 highly skilled jobs in the Niagara region over the next 15 years.



June 27, 2024

**Province announces refurbishment projects in Eastern Ontario** 

- Province supports OPG's plan to refurbish 45 units at eight generating stations in Eastern Ontario.
- Highlights Ontario's commitment to expanding hydroelectric operations in the east.



#### January 24, 2025

Province announces supports OPG's plan to refurbish hydro stations across Northern Ontario

Province supports for OPG's plan to refurbish and expand hydroelectric generating stations across Northern Ontario

## April 9, 2025

Province announces support for early development work around new hydroelectric stations in the Moose River Basin.



# Hydroelectric refurbishments

- We are investing billions into our hydroelectric fleet in Ontario and the U.S.
- We are executing unit refurbishments, improvements, and station redevelopments
- This will ensure hydro assets continue to provide clean power to support electrification and fight climate change



## **Economic Benefits of Hydro**



#### **GDP/Revenue**

Every \$1 on new greenfield hydro = **GDP Increase of \$0.95** (89% concentrated in Ontario)



#### **Skills and Capacity Building**

- Hydro projects provide **opportunities for apprenticeships** and **skilled trades development.**
- Project pipelines provide opportunities for longer-term skills and capacity building in Northern Ontario.
- Typical hydro projects employ Operator Engineers, Carpenters, Electricians, Teamsters, Painters, Millwrights, Ironworkers, etc.

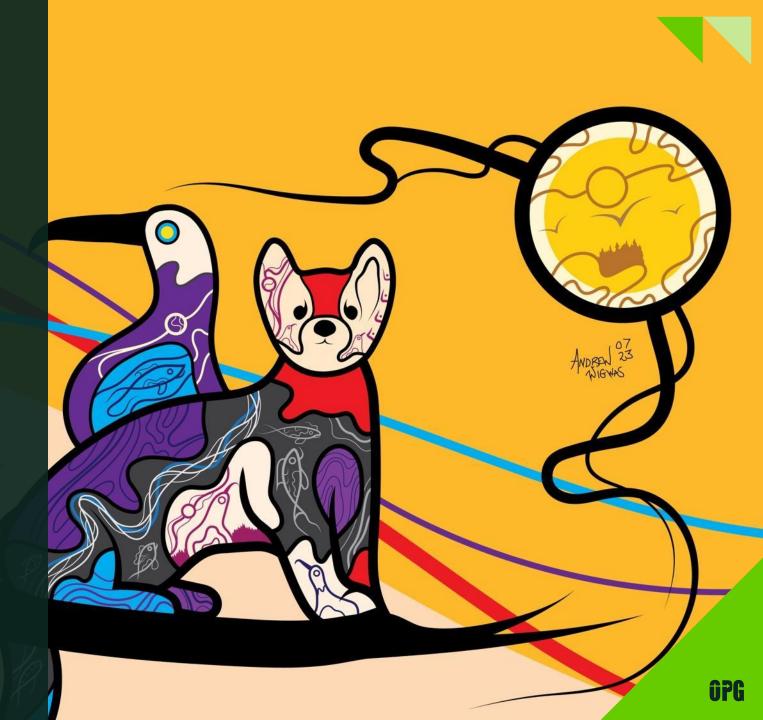




## **Indigenous Partnerships**

## **Our RAP commitments**

- Growing our economic impact on Indigenous communities, businesses by \$1 billion by 2031
- Increasing Indigenous representation at all levels across the company
- Strengthening environmental stewardship
- Improving awareness and understanding of Indigenous culture, history, and perspectives



## Building Indigenous Partnerships

To date, OPG's equity partnership contributions to First Nations have **totaled \$167M.** Partners include:

- Lac Seul First Nation
- Moose Cree First Nation
- > Taykwa Tagamou Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- > Mississauga of the Credit First Nation

The long-life nature of hydroelectric generation means that future equity partnerships on greenfield hydro will provide **sustainable revenues to partner First Nations over many years.** 

In 2023, 60% of Indigenous procurement was through our hydro business (\$84M of total \$140.8M)



## Case Study

### Lower Mattagami River Redevelopment Project

- \$2.6 B Redevelopment Project (2015)
  - > 3 station expansions
  - > 1 new station
- Equity partnership (25%) created with Moose Cree First Nation on new assets
- ~\$1B in contracts awarded to Ontario business over the course of the project, including ~\$350 M in the North
- ~1,800 people worked on the project, including over 250 First Nation & Métis workers







## Questions?

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