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Capreol Substation gets “New Life” from GSU Investment

(Sudbury, ON)- Greater Sudbury Utilities recently held a “physically distanced” ribbon-cutting at the newly renovated Capreol Municipal Substation (MS) 32 located on Railway Avenue in Capreol.

Chair of the Board, Mark Signoretti, and Ward 7 Councillor Mike Jakubo were on hand to celebrate the \$1.6 Million investment GSU made to upgrade and improve the substation, which was initially built in the late 1950’s.

“As Board Chair, I’m proud to be a part of an organization that continues to invest in important community infrastructure,” said Signoretti. “Over the past 60+ years, this substation has served the community well, but the equipment was tired, and the distribution system faces new challenges. This investment will ensure the community is able to accommodate future demands.”

Capreol MS32 distributes power to over 1,500 Greater Sudbury Hydro customers in the Capreol area and also houses Agilis Networks telecommunications equipment. The renewal project replaced dated, end-of-life aerial equipment with new pad-mounted devices with capacity for the future. Automated control equipment was also installed, which enables remote operation of some functions.

“I would like to thank GSU for its continued investment in the renewal of its critical infrastructure, which plays a key part in keeping Capreol powered and connected,” said Jakubo, Councillor for the area.

Crews and contractors worked on the renovation of Capreol MS32 throughout 2019. It was commissioned in December with the project coming in on time and under budget. A formal ribbon-cutting had been planned for Spring of 2020, however, COVID-19 restrictions made that plan unrealistic.

“We felt it was important to close the loop on this project for our customers in Capreol,” said Wendy Watson, Director of Communications for GSU. “Holding a physically distanced event was the safe thing to do. This project improves the resiliency and reliability of the power supply for the people of Capreol and we wanted them to know we are investing in their community.”

GSU currently operates several substations that were built right after World War II, and plans to upgrade them in a phased, prioritized approach. Kathleen MS2 and Capreol MS32 have both been renovated in the past two years, whereas Gemmell MS11 is presently under construction, Cressy MS3 is scheduled for renovation in 2021 - with others to follow.

“This is a good news story,” said Signoretti. “GSU is a responsible steward of a critical system we rely upon. When things reach end of life, you have to make planned, reasonable investments in renewal to prevent system failure as well as to ensure you don’t end up with an infrastructure deficit you can’t afford to fix. That’s what we’re committed to doing.”

For more information on this project, please visit <https://sudburyhydro.com/http-sudburyhydro-com-capreol/>

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2 Supplied Photos Attached. Captions:

1-A photo of the rebuilt Capreol MS32 Substation, Railway Avenue, Capreol

2-Councilor (Ward 7) Mike Jakubo and GSU Board Chair (Ward 1) Mark Signoretti celebrating successful commissioning of Capreol MS32 Substation



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