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VIA EMAIL – Original to follow by mail

Re: EB-2015-0179

Dear Ms. Walli

I am writing to you in regards to your letter dated March 3, 2017 pertaining to EB-2015-0179. In particular, I am writing to express my extreme disappointment in the OEB's decision resulting in another delay in moving forward with providing natural gas service to our community. I would like to respectfully draw your attention to the following key facts which clearly are very different than the situation in South Bruce:

1. Union Gas is Perth East's natural gas partner of choice; Union Gas already holds a franchise agreement and certificate of public convenience with the municipality which have been approved by the OEB and therefore there are no competitive options here;
2. We have been working with Union Gas for a number of years and no other company has ever approached Perth East about servicing our community nor are we interested in another company given our long-standing and OEB approved relationship to provide our service with Union Gas
3. Each year that this project is delayed by the OEB costs our community an estimated \$650,000 in energy savings – to put this in perspective any further delay by the OEB will have cost our residents a collective \$1.3 million in missed savings over the two years.
4. Perth East is interested in a quick decision from the OEB so that Union Gas can construct the pipeline to service Milverton, Wartburg, and Rostock in 2017 and anything later than a spring 2017 approval is unacceptable as it will further delay growth and development in our community.

Our Council unanimously supports the project to service our community and respectfully requests the OEB reverse course on the recent decision (clearly based on a non-comparable situation in an unrelated community) to delay approval and grant a speedy approval of the Union Gas proposal no later than early spring 2017.

Sincerely,

Bob McMillan
Mayor, Township of Perth East