

**ENBRIDGE GAS DISTRIBUTION INC.  
POST-CONSTRUCTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT NO.2  
  
GEORGIAN BAY REINFORCEMENT PIPELINE  
EB-2007-0782**

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## 1.0 Introduction

On May 21, 2008, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") under docket number EB-2007-0782 granted Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") Leave to construct and operate an NPS 12 (12 inch diameter) natural gas pipeline to support load growth in the Georgian Bay area. Prior to obtaining approval, Enbridge conducted the following studies to select a pipeline route, identify potential impacts resulting from construction, and prepare mitigative measures to minimize environmental and socio-economic impacts.

<b><u>Report Title</u></b>	<b><u>Conducted by:</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment of the Enbridge Consumers Gas Collingwood Reinforcement Pipeline, Springwater Township, Simcoe County	Archaeological Assessments Limited	August 2002
Environmental and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Georgian Bay Reinforcement Pipeline Project	SENES Consultants Limited	September 2002
Update Study Environmental and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Georgian Bay Reinforcement	Dillon Consulting Limited	March 2007
Report On Geotechnical Investigation Horizontal Directional Drill Crossings Proposed NPS 12 Gas Pipeline, Township of Springwater, Ontario	Golder Associates	September 2007
The 2007 Stage II Archaeological Assessment of the Proposed Enbridge Gas Collingwood Reinforcement Pipeline, Vespra & Springwater Townships, Simcoe County, Ontario	D.R. Poulton & Associates Inc.	November 2007

The Final Post Construction Monitoring Report has been prepared in accordance with OEB EB-2007-0782 Board Staff Proposed Conditions of Approval as described below:

- 3.1 Both during and after construction, Enbridge shall monitor the impacts of construction, and shall file four copies of both an interim and a final monitoring report with the Board. The interim monitoring report shall be filed within six months of the in-service date, and the final monitoring report shall be filed within fifteen months of the in-service date. Enbridge shall attach a log of all complaints that have been received to the interim and final monitoring reports. The log shall record the times of all complaints received, the substance of each complaint, the actions taken in response, and the reasons underlying each action.

- 3.2 The interim monitoring report shall confirm Enbridge adherence to Condition 1.1 and shall include a description of the impacts noted during construction and the actions taken or to be taken to prevent or mitigate the long-term effects of the impacts of construction. This report shall describe any outstanding concerns identified during construction.
- 3.3 The final monitoring report shall describe the condition of any rehabilitated land and the effectiveness of the mitigation measures undertaken. The results of the monitoring programs and analysis shall be included and any recommendations made as appropriate. Any deficiency in compliance with any of the Conditions of Approval shall be explained.

Construction of this pipeline began on June 9, 2008 and was completed on December 9, 2008. The in-service date for this project was December 9, 2008 and in accordance with the OEB's Conditions of Approval, the final monitoring report would have been due by March 9, 2010. As it would have been difficult to conduct a proper assessment during the winter months, on December 8, 2009 Enbridge filed a request and was granted an extension until June 2010 to file the final monitoring report for the project.

This report is limited to items that have been identified prior to May 2010<sup>3</sup>. Prior to construction there were many activities conducted related to this pipeline project, including environmental assessments, public meetings, archaeological assessments, OEB hearings, and background studies. This report will not review all these items in detail, but will summarize that all disturbed or impacted areas due to construction activities are restored to their original state or better and that Enbridge does not foresee any future issues related to this construction.

## **2.0 Project Description**

The pipeline project was constructed to reinforce the supply of natural gas to the existing distribution network in the Georgian Bay area, Ontario. The reinforcement was

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<sup>3</sup> The Environmental Assessment was conducted in May 2010 and it was recommended that the temporary erosions control devices be removed as revegetation of the identified areas in the Interim Report had been successful. Erosion devices were removed in June 2010.

necessary to meet the needs of residential, commercial and industrial customers in the Towns of Collingwood and Wasaga Beach.

The pipeline originates at the Enbridge Barrie Gate Station located on Anne Street North in the City of Barrie. It terminates at an existing NPS 8 located at the intersection Crossland Road and Flos Road 4. The pipeline is approximately 20 kilometers (km) in length. Appendix A shows the constructed pipeline within a regional context.

### **3.0 Environmental Inspection**

In order to ensure that environmental commitments were honoured and that the best industry practices were used, a full time Chief Inspector was onsite. In general, the duties of the Chief Inspector included the following items:

- provide advice to the Project Manager, Construction Inspectors, and all construction personnel regarding compliance with environmental legislation, regulations and industry standards;
- provide advice regarding adherence to environmental specifications and commitments made in the previously mentioned documents and to regulatory agencies, including the OEB;
- provide advice on erosion protection measures to be taken in sensitive locations in vicinity of watercourse crossing;
- act as a liaison with environmental regulators, government agencies and interest groups;
- provide immediate advice regarding spill prevention and contingency; and,
- ensure appropriate waste disposal of any hazardous construction wastes.

### **4.0 Construction Effects and Mitigation Measures**

Construction effects and mitigation measures which were implemented to minimize the potential effects the construction of the Georgian Bay Reinforcement Project are summarized in Table 1. All activities were conducted in adherence to the contract documentation and Enbridge Construction Policies and Procedures.

**Table 1.**

**Construction Effects and Mitigation Measures**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Potential Effect</b>	<b>Mitigation Measures</b>
Vegetation Cover	Throughout Construction (June 16, 2008–December 9, 2008)	Permanent removal of vegetation. Aesthetic degradation. Changes in surface drainage patterns affecting amount of water available. Changes to sunlight or wind exposure regimes.	Specimen trees adjacent to roadways (i.e. bottom of Vespra Valley Road and 1 km section of Crossland Road north of Flos Road 2) were identified prior to construction and preserved using directional drill. Professional branch trimming was completed prior to construction where required to prevent damage. Manicured turf adjacent to roadways (i.e. Highway 26 and Crossland Road) was restored by reseeding.
Topsoil Handling	Throughout Construction	Disruption of surface and subsurface soils. Soil mixing may result in loss of productivity.	Care was taken to minimize mixing of subsoils. Topsoil was replaced on surface during restoration.
Watercourse Crossing	Throughout Construction (June 16, 2008–December 9, 2008)	Disruption of watercourse through siltation and sedimentation. Erosion of channel banks and loss of vegetation cover. Contamination of surface water. Interruption of subsurface drainage along pipeline trench.	Crossings of tributaries to the Black Creek, Nottawasaga River and Marl Creek, as well as the Willow Creek and Swaley Drain were completed by directional drill. Watercourse crossing permits were obtained from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. Sediment fencing installed to prevent sedimentation and siltation.
Traffic Control	Throughout Construction	Exposure of construction crews to vehicular traffic.	Contractor to ensure MTO Book 7 traffic control plan has been completed and has been set up in accordance with the prescribed Traffic Layout.

**Table 1.**

**Construction Effects and Mitigation Measures**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Potential Effect</b>	<b>Mitigation Measures</b>
Road Crossings	Throughout Construction	Restricted access to businesses and residences.	Nine road crossings (Snow Valley Road, Wilson Road, Highway 26, Golf Course Road, Hendrie Road, Vespra Valley Road, Horseshoe Valley Road West, Rainbow Valley Road East, Flos Road 3 West.) were completed by directional drill. All other road crossing were open cut as authorized by the permitting authority. Warning signs and barricades were set up to increase visibility and prevent public access.
Noise	Throughout Construction	Disturbances to sensitive receptors (i.e. residents, seniors' homes, schools).	Construction equipment conformed to guidelines for sound and emission levels.
Archaeological Monitoring	Throughout Construction	Disturbance and potential destruction of archaeological artifacts.	Archaeological Assessments Limited and D.R. Poulton & Associates Limited conducted Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessments, respectively, prior to construction to identify areas of high potential for artifacts. Construction within limits of ROW will minimize potential for encountering archaeological artifacts. No artifacts were encountered.
Trenching and Excavation	Throughout Construction	Open trenches present a hazard to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Restricts access. Sedimentation into roadside ditches.	Protective barricades (i.e., snow fence, sediment fence, jersey barriers, and straw bales) were erected around trenches and excavations during construction activities.
Utility Crossings	Throughout Construction	Minimum distance separation from buried or above-ground services may not provide sufficient room within a road right-of-way (R.O.W.) for the installation of a gas pipeline; damage to utilities may inconvenience landowners	In accordance with the Enbridge Policies and Procedures, locates were obtained prior to any excavation work. Warning signs were posted in vicinity of overhead power lines. Crossing permits obtained from Canadian Pacific Railways (CPR).

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Potential Effect</b>	<b>Mitigation Measures</b>
Spills	Throughout Construction	Contamination of air, soil, surface water or ground water. Inconvenience to landowners and public	As required, contractor had spill containment kits at the project site. <sup>2</sup>
Hydrostatic Testing	November 2008	Disruption of water supply to landowners or emergency services. Uncontrolled discharge of water could cause erosion, sedimentation and contamination of surface water supplies.	Permission from the City of Barrie was obtained to take water from a municipal fire hydrant; and discharge water to the sanitary sewer was obtained from the City of Barrie <sup>2</sup> . No significant adverse environmental effects resulted from the hydrostatic testing and dewatering procedures.
Pipe Energizing	December 9, 2008	Inconvenience and/or negative health effects to nearby landowners and the public.	Energizing was completed in accordance with Enbridge Policies and Procedures.
Clean-Up	Throughout Construction	Restores the pipeline easement to pre-construction conditions.	Clean up activities were conducted in accordance with the Enbridge Construction Manual.

<sup>2</sup> City of Barrie originally provided approval to discharge into storm sewer, but resident complaints resulted in revision to permit and hydrostatic test water redirected to sanitary sewer. Spill report made to Spills Action Centre and City of Barrie.

## **5.0 Residual Issues**

The Interim Monitoring Report filed with the OEB in June 2009 identified three outstanding issues related to vegetation, revegetation and watercourse crossings along the road allowances. As listed in the interim report, the following sections of road allowance required additional restoration and revegetation:

- Wilson Drive;
- Highway 26;
- Vespra Valley Road;
- Horseshoe Valley Road West; and,
- Crossland Road.



Vegetation has reestablished along the road allowances in all the areas mentioned above where it was disturbed due to construction.

As identified in the interim report, the specimen trees along Vespra Valley Road and Crossland Road within the road allowances where the pipeline was installed continue to be in good health and Enbridge does not foresee future problems.

Temporary erosion control devices (i.e. silt fence, sand bags, and straw bales) were installed to control erosion and sedimentation in the vicinity of the headwater stream crossing on Wilson Drive, north of Springwater Provincial Park.

As described in the interim monitoring report the Township of Springwater requested that erosion control devices remain in place until revegetation efforts had been successful on disturbed areas in the vicinity of the respective water courses. Revegetation has been successful and the temporary erosion control devices were removed in June 2010.<sup>3</sup>

NOTE: Photos of the restored areas will be submitted as an addendum to this report in July 2010.

## **6.0 Summary**

In conclusion, the mitigation measures implemented during and after construction to minimize environmental and socio-economic impacts have been successful. The outstanding issues documented in the Interim Monitoring Report have been addressed and resolved.

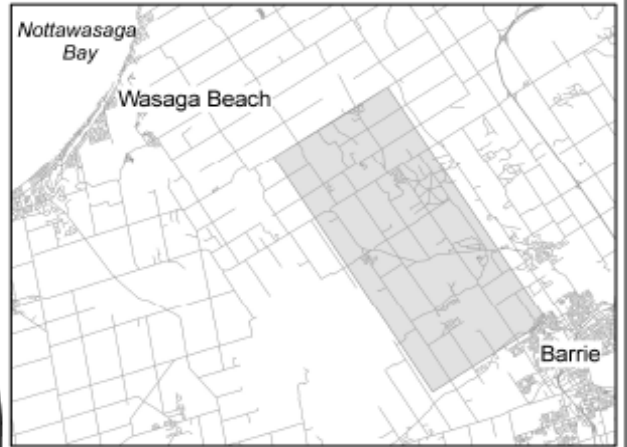
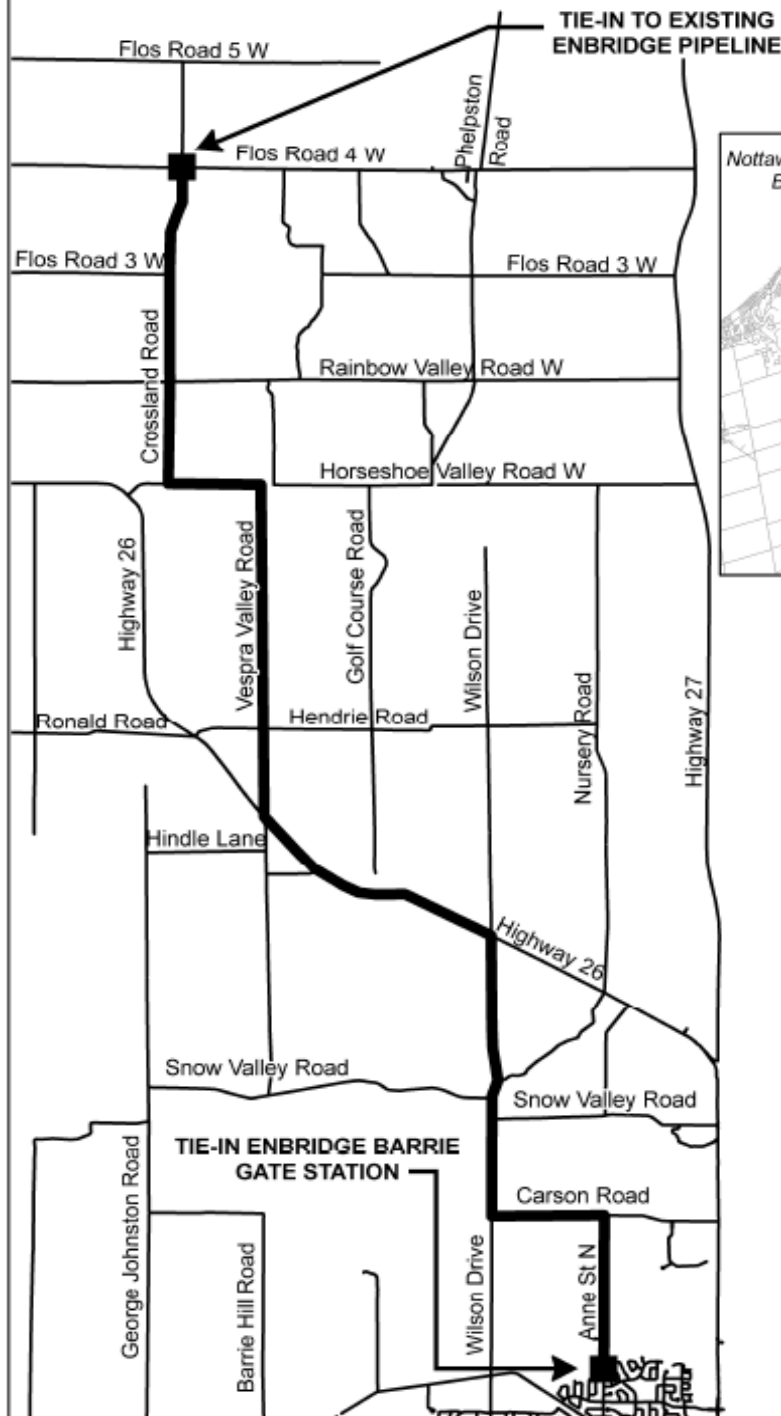
Enbridge does not foresee any future issues resulting from the construction of the Georgian Bay Reinforcement Project.

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**APPENDIX A**  
**PIPELINE ROUTE MAP**

# Georgian Bay Reinforcement Project



Key Map

— Preferred Route

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**APPENDIX B**

**PHOTO LOG  
(May 2010)**



Photo 1 – Anne Street North; looking north from Barrie Gate Station



Photo 2 – Anne Street North; looking north towards Carson Road





Photo 3: Anne Street North at Carson Road; looking south



Photo 4: Carson Road at Anne Street North; looking west





Photo 5 – Carson Road; looking west towards crossing of Black Creek Tributary



Photo 6 – Carson Road; looking east from Wilson Road





Photo 7 – Wilson Road; looking north from Carson Road



Photo 8 – Wilson Drive; looking north towards crossing of Black Creek Tributary





Photo 9 – Wilson Drive; looking north from Snow Valley Road



Photo 10 – Wilson Drive; looking south towards CPR crossing adjacent to Springwater Provincial Park





Photo 11 – Wilson Drive; looking north adjacent to Springwater Provincial Park



Photo 12 – Wilson Drive; looking south at headwater stream crossing; erosion on bank





Photo 13 – Wilson Drive; headwater stream with straw bale and sediment fencing



Photo 14 – Wilson Drive; bank erosion at headwater stream crossing





Photo 15 – Wilson Drive; looking north towards Highway 26



Photo 16 – Highway 26; looking west from Wilson Drive





Photo 17 – Highway 26; looking east from Golf Course Road



Photo 18 – Highway 26; looking east from Mayer Road





Photo 19 – Vespra Valley Road; looking north from Highway 26



Photo 20 – Vespra Valley Road; looking north at Hendrie Road





Photo 21 – Vespra Valley Road; looking north from Hendrie Road



Photo 22 – Vespra Valley Road; looking south at crossings of Marl Creek Tributary





Photo 23 – Vespra Valley Road; looking north towards Horseshoe Valley Road West



Photo 24 – Horseshoe Valley Road; looking east from Crossland Road





Photo 25 – Horseshoe Valley Road West; looking west adjacent to Crossland Road



Photo 26 – Crossland Road; looking south towards Horseshoe Valley Road





Photo 27 – Crossland Road; looking north



Photo 28 – Crossland Road; looking north from Flos Road 3 West





Photo 28 – Crossland Road; looking south at Flos Road 3 West



Photo 29 – Crossland Road; looking south from crossing of Nottawasaga River Tributary





Photo 30 – Flos Road 4 at Crossland Road; looking at southwest corner



Photo 31 – Flos Road 4 at Crossland Road; looking at northwest corner