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Rosenberg Community Plan

**Impacts of proposed Owen Sound Pipeline Project – Union Gas Limited
and
Zoning versus Secondary Plan**

RE: Gas Line

Board Planning staff received the attached notice from Azimuth Environmental Consulting on August 22, 2012. While much of the proposed Gas pipeline is expected to use the same trench as existing gas lines, the proposed extension of pipe westerly along Bleams Road to Trussler Road has the potential for significant impact to one of our designated school sites in the Rosenberg Secondary Plan.

As you are aware, the Board has developed a number of site selection criteria, many of which were used in the designation of the Rosenberg Community school sites. To date, the Board's criteria include a 120-metre setback from major hydro-electric transmission lines, as well as a 200m setback from major gas lines. The latter was established using CSA guidelines set out in August of 2004. Since that time, a number of studies have been prepared to further define appropriate limits based on gas pipe capacity and pressure (see attached -January 2010).

Using this information, the Board will further refine its criteria for future projects, likely increasing the setback distance under extraordinary circumstances. At this point, however, using the proposed pipeline routing in the Azimuth letter, even the current 200-metre setback cannot be achieved at the most westerly Rosenberg community school site where it is within 100m of Bleams Road. Since this routing has just come to our attention, the location of the school site in the plan did not contemplate that situation.

We would like to review this situation with you prior to responding to Azimuth Environmental, and in preparation for the upcoming Hearings on Rosenberg.

Our concern is that the public elementary school site is now largely on the Doehn lands which do not have the appropriate designation.

Might this be remedied without Official Plan Amendment?

Thank you for your assistance,

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attachments