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**Re: Application EB-2012-0463 and EB-2012-0486 (Enbridge)**

Dear Ms Kirsten Walli (Board Secretary):

I appreciate the opportunity to make this submission.

1. I am requesting that a preamble be added to the franchise agreement acknowledging that Trent Hills has the authority to pass a bylaw requiring the Gas Company to pay a fee for an application to work where sidewalks or traveled portions of the road are to be cut. Reference is made to a decision made **BEFORE: Justice S. M. Stevenson DATE HEARD: May 15, 2012.** (City of Toronto and Enbridge)
2. The proposed Trent Hills franchise bylaw does not repeal the previous agreement bylaws. Will the terms and conditions of these previous enabling bylaws still be in force?
3. The existing Franchise agreement with the former Township of Percy appears to have approved an agreement for 15 years. Perhaps this indicates a precedent for the term of the proposed agreement to also be 15 years. Why was the term 15 years?
4. The Municipal Emergency Management Program works to prepare our community for emergencies and disasters through the development of The Municipality of Trent Hills Emergency Response Plan, hazard identification and support plans, training programs, emergency exercises as well as public education and awareness. The aim of the plan is to protect the safety and welfare of the residents of Trent Hills from the effects of a natural, technological or human caused emergency. The supply of gas interrupted following a disaster is very important especially during cold weather.. Have there been consultations with Trent Hills, so that its emergency plan is relevant?
5. Are there future plans for gas storage by Enbridge or others? Will there be a public consultation?
6. Does this proposed agreement allow a transmission line of higher pressure to pass through Trent Hills?
7. Portions of this distribution system have been in place for more than 50 years. Do old steel pipes exist? Have sufficient tests been performed to monitor electrolysis and the condition of these pipes?
8. Does Enbridge conduct additional tests in “high consequence” areas?
9. Has Enbridge made Trent Hills aware of the “high consequence” areas?
10. The FRANCHISE AGREEMENT HANDBOOK can be described as a document that key municipal employees might find invaluable. Does Enbridge have a program to ensure that these key municipal employees are familiar with its contents?
11. The distribution of gas to Trent Hills is very important to the economy and quality of life. As an essential and important stakeholder does Enbridge keep astride and current with The Official Plan, Economic Development Initiatives, and Infrastructure goals of Trent Hills?
12. Can Enbridge transfer this Franchise without seeking approval from Trent Hills?

Yours Truly

Elwood R, Varty (January 31, 2013)