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Board Secretary

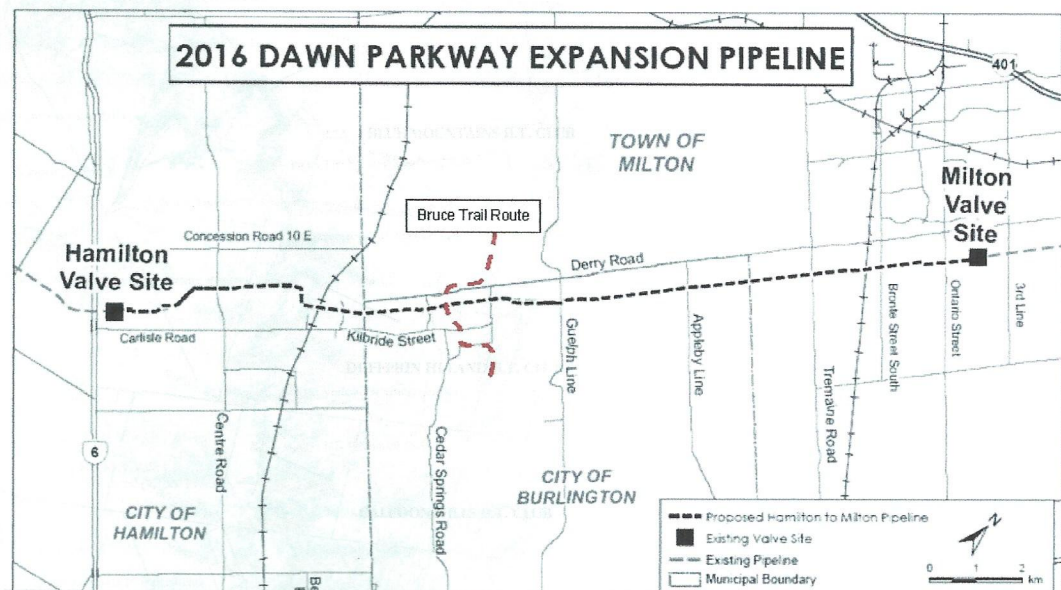
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Union Gas application for approval to construct a natural gas pipeline.

The proposed route of the new pipeline crosses the route of the Bruce Trail between Kilbride and Derry Road, as shown in the following map:



As you may be aware, the Bruce Trail is Ontario's premier hiking trail, linking Queenston Heights in the south to Tobermory in the north. The trail is part of the conservation efforts of the Bruce Trail Conservancy to establish a conservation corridor containing a public footpath along the Niagara Escarpment in order to protect its natural ecosystems and to promote environmentally responsible access to this UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

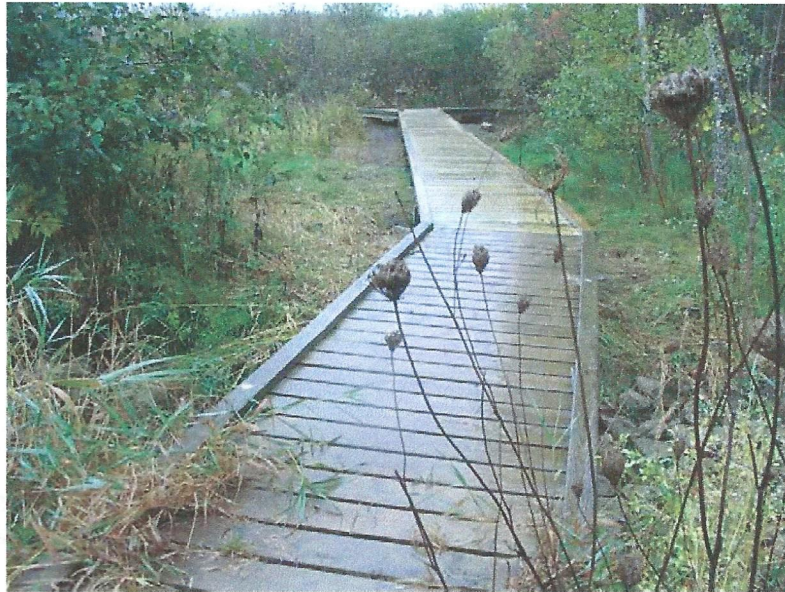
The Bruce Trail is strongly supported by the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) and forms a fundamental part of NEC planning guidelines.

The section of the Bruce Trail that will be affected by the construction of this new pipeline is managed by the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club, one of the nine member clubs of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. The Club has obvious concerns over the affect this new pipeline will have on the Bruce Trail, both during construction and after completion.

I would request that the Ontario Energy Board make it a condition of any approval of this new pipeline that Union Gas agree, in writing, to work closely with the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club to ensure that:

- a) Minimum disruption to the Bruce Trail occurs during construction,
- b) Full restoration of the natural habitat after construction is made,
- c) Assistance is given to re-establish the Bruce Trail treadway in its original location following construction.

I am pleased to note that Union Gas has, in the past, been a good supporter of the Bruce Trail and I would hope that this support continues during and after this project. Shown below is the existing boardwalk close to the location where the Bruce Trail would cross the new pipeline. This boardwalk was partially funded by Union Gas as part of the construction of the existing pipeline in this same location.



Yours sincerely,

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