

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- **A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and**
- **A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.**

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



Rift over special meeting procedures

By Joyce Cassin

News - Brighton - Brighton council members were divided on whether to suspend some parts of council's procedural bylaw.

Recently Councillor John Martinello called a special meeting of council to deal with some issues without the mayor's okay, and Mayor Mark Walas wants some changes.

Walas explained he wasn't able to change his plans and refused to call a meeting, but Martinello went ahead anyway.

"I will not be dictated to," Walas said.

Councillor Roger McMurray said this council appears to be going down the same road as the last divided council, saying that four members could create a palace coup, and call meetings without the mayor and/or deputy-mayor's approval.

Councillor Steve Baker said, "In all due respect, that is called democracy."

Martinello says he feels council members should have a right to call a meeting if they feel it's important.

"It flies in the face of a unified council," McMurray responded.

Martinello said he understood Walas' set schedule, but he felt the matter was important and costing taxpayers a lot of money, and it had been dragging on for too long.

"I thought you would have

taken the time to attend this meeting, given the subject..." Councillor Martinello said to Mayor Walas.

In a recorded vote requested by Baker, only Walas, Deputy-mayor Mary Tadman and McMurray voted in favour of suspending portions of the procedural bylaw.

In a second motion, the entire procedural bylaw will come under scrutiny of the soon-to-be-formed special bylaw review committee that should be formed in September.

McMurray eyes signalized crosswalk

Councillor Roger McMurray wants a signalized crosswalk installed in front of Brighton Public School.

He says cars don't stop at the crosswalk unless the crossing guard is on duty, leaving students late for school and other pedestrian traffic waiting long periods of time to cross Elizabeth Street.

According to the Ministry of Transportation, drivers are required to stop only when the crossing guard is on duty.

McMurray says there is a type of crosswalk that costs only \$4,600.

The matter was referred to staff to determine costs and feasibility.

On the same note, the newly installed sidewalk has been touted as a safety hazard by Councillor John Martinello,

who asked who approved the project.

Council was concerned with the lack of curbs and drainage.

Council awarded the tender to Cooney Excavating Ltd. on June 15 for the sum of \$256,685.15. There were two parts to the agreement: survey,

design, layout, earth excavation, construction and restoration of a new sidewalk on a portion of Harbour Street, plus earth and gravel excavation, construction and restoration of a new sidewalk on Elizabeth Street from Terry Fox Drive to Alice Street.

Financial challenges ahead for Brighton

By Joyce Cassin

News - Brighton - In a report by finance director Linda Widdifield, "it is anticipated that the municipality will face continued financial challenges for the remainder of 2015."

Widdifield wrote that some of the risks and challenges include legal billings, consulting costs and winter control.

"We are currently at 35.12 per cent of expenditures and have collected and/or billed 40.44 per cent of budgeted revenues," she wrote in her report. "The road construction projects represent 30 per cent of the 2015 budget and are just commencing."

Mayor Mark Walas asked for clarity on her report.

"As you read through the report, I'm sure you realized that we are in good financial standing at the moment," she told council.

She added that Brighton is not over budget on many of the expenditure lines.

She added that her written report was not meant to be a scare tactic; it was for informational purposes, for council to be aware that Brighton could face challenges if we have high snow removal costs.

Legal billing for Ministry of Environmental charges in regard to the wastewater facility, and the Ontario Municipal Board hearing regarding an upcoming hearing surrounding an application for a variance on an infilling lot on Chapel Street by local developer Len Kuipers, are potential high costs.

"The consulting fees, because I'm not sure how much more in consulting fees we'll face for the rest of the year," she said. "We're rolling along, and we're within budget, and

everything seems to be fine. I wasn't confident in saying we're going to be under budget in 2015 at this juncture."

Councillor Brian Ostrander asked that staff keep on top of legal expenses.

On the hunt for alternative traffic solutions

Mayor Mark Walas says there are numerous traffic issues surrounding the detour around Young and George Streets, and he hopes to find a solution to Brighton's traffic woes.

Mayor Walas says he'll be speaking with public works staff and the fire chief to sift through some ideas.

Some ideas presented Monday night included making the Alice Street detour a one-way southbound route, but there was no discussion on northbound traffic.

Complaints that traffic was not stopping at the stop signs at Alice and Singleton, brought up a suggestion of a flashing light. A four-way stop at Alice/Oliphant and Elizabeth Streets was also discussed.

A special meeting was called for Wednesday, August 13, and Walas hopes they'll have some solutions to present to council and the public by then.

"We've had a number of concerns with two-way traffic on Alice Street," Walas said. "It's certainly very narrow."

"We're looking to hopefully come up with some suggestions to try and prevent something before it happens."

The result of the discussions are expected to come before council on Wednesday.

Wednesday's meeting was anticipated to be a closed session meeting, but this matter could be brought up in an open portion.

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