



# TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

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Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Kirsten Walli:

**Re: Warwick Township Council Support Letter for Union Gas's Application EB-2015-0179**

On behalf of Warwick Township we are writing to formally support application EB-2015-0179 submitted by Union Gas seeking approval for new approaches to expanding access to natural gas. We have reviewed the regulatory application and are supportive of the principals set out in it by Union Gas.

It is our belief that the proposal put forward by Union Gas provides the necessary flexibility for Union Gas to work with its municipal partners to expand their system to new communities. The proposal outlines a reasonable approach that ensures all parties have the ability to contribute towards making such projects a reality, while protecting the interests of their 1.4 million existing customers.

The community of Warwick Township is supportive of Union Gas' proposal to have the flexibility to utilize the following tools to expand natural gas to additional communities across the Province:

- A Temporary Expansion Surcharge to collect customer contributions;
- An Incremental Tax Equivalent mechanism to collect municipal contributions;
- An exemption from E.B.O. 188 to allow lower individual project minimum PI thresholds;
- An exemption of Community Expansion Projects from E.B.O. 188 Investment and Rolling Project Portfolio requirements;

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- A Capital Pass Through Mechanism; and,
- A Community Expansion Capital Pass-through Deferral Account and a Community Expansion Contribution Deferral Account.

As a municipality who currently has unserved portions of our community, we often hear from local residents and businesses expressing their interest in having access to natural gas. Our leadership believes that the public benefits of extending natural gas infrastructure to additional communities in Ontario should be a key consideration in addressing Union's proposals. These benefits include the annual energy savings our constituents would experience, reduced costs for our existing businesses, and remove a local economic barrier for our community.

Again, for these reasons we fully support the application put forward by Union Gas and encourage the Board to grant approval of the application.

Regards,



Allan Fletcher  
Administrator/Treasurer  
Township of Warwick