

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD STAFF INTERROGATORIES**  
**ON EVIDENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH**  
**Ontario Energy Board Community Expansion Proceeding**  
**EB-2016-0004**

Interrogatory # 1

Ref: Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Evidence, Page 2

In its evidence, the Township of Edwardsburgh refers to a potential natural gas expansion project along County Road 2 between Cardinal and Johnstown. The evidence refers to an informal survey conducted by a resident wherein 84 residents expressed an interest in obtaining natural gas without having been made aware of any upfront capital contribution.

- a) Please explain why the survey did not inform residents about a potential upfront capital contribution when it was known that potential customers would need to make some kind of upfront contribution in order to make the project feasible.
- b) Does the Township of Edwardsburgh consider the results of the survey to be reliable considering that a critical detail (requirement of upfront contribution) was not included in the survey?

Interrogatory # 2

Ref: Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Evidence, Page 6

While discussing Issue #6 (other ratemaking or rate recovery approaches that should be considered by the Ontario Energy Board), the Township of Edwardsburgh refers to two specific approaches: Mandatory connection to the natural gas distribution network and mandatory fixed frontage charges.

- a) With respect to mandatory connection to the natural gas distribution network, please explain how this approach would be implemented?
- b) With respect to mandatory fixed frontage charges, please explain how this approach differs from a utility requiring an upfront capital contribution to provide service?
- c) Would the municipality be responsible for collecting the mandatory fixed frontage charges or would the utility be collecting such a charge?