

# Clarington

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Ontario Energy Board  
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Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary  
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**Re: Ontario Energy Board Application #EB-2016-0004 – Review of Mechanisms to Recover the Costs of Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario**  
**File Number: PLN 18.6.3**

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Clarington staff met with representatives of Enbridge to better understand the generic proceeding that is before the Ontario Energy Board. While it is not known at this point as to whether rural areas of Clarington would be included in any resulting expansion, there are areas under consideration as potential expansion projects.

Having learned the history behind this application from the Enbridge representatives, staff consulted with the Agricultural Advisory Committee of Clarington. The members of the committee provided the following comments. Many committee members do not have gas service. Some agriculture users are very large consumers (e.g. farmers with dryer systems). All the members were supportive of having expanded gas service realizing that they will be the main ratepayers and would have to pay a surcharge until the capital cost is paid off.

Based on this information from the agricultural community, Council at its meeting of May 2, 2016 passed resolution "That the Municipality of Clarington forward a letter to the Ontario Energy Board in support of the Enbridge submission under Generic Application #EB-2016-004 to expand natural gas service to rural areas."

Clarington Council and Finance, Engineering and Planning staff understand that there will also be an implication for the Municipality, if expansion in our geographical area is approved potential tax increment financing and the physical construction process will affect the Municipality. The Municipality would appreciate further details on specific impacts of the tax increment financing at the earliest stage possible.

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We would be happy to work with Enbridge to assist in the expansion of their service area to our rural residents.

Yours sincerely



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