

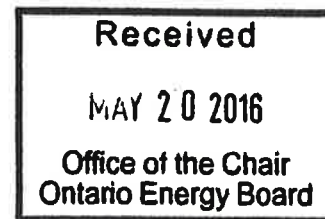


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OFFICE of the MAYOR

May 11, 2016

Ms. R. T. Leclair
Chief Executive Officer
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario
M4B 1E4



RE: NATURAL GAS FOR MUSKOKA LAKES TOWNSHIP

Dear Ms. Leclair,

The Township of Muskoka Lakes was pleased to see the Province empower the Ontario Energy Board to facilitate and support the expansion of the natural gas distribution system in Ontario.

Currently the Township of Muskoka Lakes sits adjacent to a major natural gas pipeline operated by TransCanada Corp. This pipeline parallels the Hwy 11 Corridor and currently serves the towns of Bracebridge and Huntsville. Natural gas is not available in any part of our Township and it is believed that the urban areas of Bala and Port Carling should prove viable natural gas markets.

Council has directed me to forward our Resolution Number SC- 4 -04/05/16, (copy attached) requesting your support to encourage natural gas utilities to conduct a feasibility study, to examine the viability of constructing the necessary infrastructure to supply businesses and homes in the Township of Muskoka Lakes with natural gas.

Thank you for your assistance

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Furniss', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Don Furniss
Mayor, Township of Muskoka Lakes

cc Hon. R. Chiareli, Minister of Energy
Tony Clement, MP- Parry Sound – Muskoka
Norm Miller, MPP- Parry Sound – Muskoka
Union Gas Head Office
TransCanada Corporation Head Office



Agenda Reference 5.b.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 4, 2016

RESOLUTION NUMBER: SC- 4-04/05/16

MOVED BY:

A. Edwards

SECONDED BY:

Baranik *SPEARNS*

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has directed the Ontario Energy Board to facilitate and support the expansion of natural gas pipelines to areas of the Province not currently supplied with natural gas;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Muskoka Lakes is not currently able to access natural gas and furthermore many urban areas of the Township are desirous to have natural gas available for both residential and commercial activities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes direct the Mayor to advise the Ontario Energy Board in writing of the Townships' desire to encourage a supplier to construct the necessary pipelines and infrastructure to bring natural gas to the urban areas of the Township of Muskoka Lakes;

AND FURTHERMORE that copies of this resolution and the letter be sent to the Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Energy and other government officials and natural gas suppliers as appropriate.

RECORDED VOTE:	NAYS	YEAS
COUNCILLOR BARANIK (Deputy Mayor)	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR BARRICK-SPEARN	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR CURRIE	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR HARDING	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR KRUCKEL (Acting Deputy Mayor)	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR LEDGER	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR McTAGGART	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR NISHIKAWA	_____	_____
MAYOR FURNISS	_____	_____
TOTALS	_____	_____

MOTION DEFEATED

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[Signature]

MAYOR