



## **Township of Perth East**

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Re: Natural Gas Supply in Ontario and ongoing hearings OEB-2016-0004

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It has come to our attention that various interested parties have contacted your office in the last few days with a request to delay or defer proceedings of the Generic Hearing currently underway regarding natural gas community expansion in Ontario. Their requests are apparently based on Draft Policies which have not been formally introduced or discussed in the house. These articles have been reported by media, but in subsequent communications from the provincial government in response to such articles, they have steadfastly reiterated their commitment to expanding access to natural gas in rural Ontario. With all due respect, it is unacceptable and frankly insulting that attempts are made by some to influence the Ontario Energy Board based on rumors and newspaper reports. Particularly without having or requesting input from others involved in the hearing who may have a different view on this important issue.

Based on our understanding, and based on dealings with other arm's length Boards appointed by the Province, it is a Board's duty and obligation to act and consider matters before the Board. Not to act, or react or interfere with ongoing proceedings based on rumours or based on something that may or may not take place in the future is wrong. A Board's obligation is to deal with matters on their own merit with what is in place at the time and based on what legislation is in place at the time. It is our understanding that there is significant legal precedent for this in fulfilling the mandate of a Board and dealing with the matters before it.

As the Mayor of the municipality of the Township of Perth East, I urge you to continue and come to a decision on the recently concluded Generic Hearing EB-2016-0004 so that matters can then proceed to the originally scheduled hearing. Simply put, we cannot afford any further delays in this process.

Thank you.



Bob McMillan  
Mayor, Township of Perth East

Cc:

Hon Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy  
Hon. Brad Duguid Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure  
Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
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