



The Corporation of the Township of Prince

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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2016-0004

Further to your procedural order No. 3 of May 30, 2016, as an intervener on the above matter, Council has some serious concerns.

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Prince have been actively advocating for the expansion of the Natural Gas Pipelines into our municipality for several years. We have conducted surveys and, as a result of these surveys, believe that the majority of residents will benefit from this utility and are anxious for this service to become available. Many residents have been putting off updating oil, electric and wood burning furnaces with the anticipation that natural gas will offer them a more economical alternative and in the case of oil and wood, a cleaner means of home heating. Some, including our own municipal building, are incurring high maintenance costs to keep older heating systems working, while we wait on the board's decision.

We are very concerned with the suggestion that solar and geothermal solutions are being so strongly advocated, considering the high cost of these alternatives. The expense would be out of range for many of our residents, who are aging and on fixed incomes.

Council has been partnering with Union Gas to make the installation of natural gas lines a reality. Our residents have been anxious to see this come to fruition sooner rather than later.

We appreciate this opportunity to support the expansion project application # EB-2015-0179 - **file # 2016-0004** and look forward to hearing a positive outcome of the proceedings. An approval of the application would be of great benefit to our community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Ken Lamming
Mayor
On behalf of the Council of the
Corporation of the Township of Prince

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