



**Municipality of
Dutton Dunwich**

The Corporation of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich

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Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Expanding Natural Gas Services to Ontario Communities
OEB Case No.: EB-2016-0004

The Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich (“Dutton/Dunwich”) hereby requests Intervenor status for the OEB hearing noted above. Dutton/Dunwich is located in western Elgin County in Southwestern Ontario. The Municipality was formed in 1998 through an amalgamation of the Village of Dutton and former Township of Dunwich. It includes the Hamlets of Wallacetown, Duttona Beach and the western parts of Iona and Iona Station.

Parts of Dutton/Dunwich currently have access to natural gas, supplied by Union Gas. However other parts of our community (estimated ~45%), including a number of farms, do not have access to natural gas. This lack of natural gas service imposes higher costs on those unserved residents and businesses that must resort to higher priced fuel alternatives. An example of this is the significant disadvantage to the farm operations with crop drying. This leads to an overall economic disadvantage to our community.

Our understanding is that natural gas capacity constraints is the main barrier to expanding gas service to our Municipality. We have a direct interest in the Board’s proceeding since

Dutton/Dunwich may be able to rely on any new rules for gas expansion ultimately determined by the Board. Furthermore, new gas expansions which may occur elsewhere in Southwestern Ontario may also ultimately benefit Dutton/Dunwich through an increase in overall natural gas capacity to our region which our residents, farms and businesses may also be able to take advantage of in the future. It is for these reasons that we wish to intervene in this hearing.

Please send any correspondence in connection with Dutton/Dunwich's Intervention to:

Ms. Laurie Spence Bannerman, Chief Administrative Officer
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Thank you for your assistance, Dutton/Dunwich looks forward to participating in this important hearing.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Spence Bannerman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Laurie Spence Bannerman, M.P.A.
Chief Administrative Officer

copy to: Mayor Cameron McWilliam