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December 1st, 2019.

Dear Ms. Christine Long and Members of the Ontario Energy Board:

I am the Chair of Environment Hamilton, a not for profit environmental organization that has been advocating for the Hamilton environment for over fifteen years. We are concerned for many aspects of the natural environment, and subsequently believe that rising global temperature is the greatest existential threat to humankind.

The Environment Hamilton Board of Directors urges you to ensure that the hearing on the Enbridge Gas Inc. 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion Project is subjected to an oral hearing, not the written one that Enbridge seeks. This project contradicts all that we know about the current climate crisis, and it warrants a fulsome and transparent hearing.

There are several significant issues that this proposal raises, and these warrant an oral hearing. These issues include:

- The increase of greenhouse gas emissions following the construction of a high capacity pipeline that is designed to carry fracked natural gas.
- The necessary conservation measures that will render such a pipeline outdated in very short order in the face of the climate emergency that would otherwise cause societal collapse, such as 2030 climate targets.
- The destruction, harm, and displacement of important and sensitive habitat throughout this section of the pipeline
- Democracy and the basic requirements for an open and transparent process dictate that the hearing must be oral and open to Ontario residents; consider Oxford's legal definition of a hearing as "an act of **listening** to evidence in a court of law or before an official, especially a trial before a judge without a jury".
- Enbridge will provide an "Integrated Resource Planning" protocol, which may limit the scope of OEB evaluations of certain aspects of future proposals and the public deserves the opportunity to examine and question this important protocol.

For all of these reasons, I/we implore you to make sure that this proposal goes through a thorough oral examination- a hearing- and that the public is able to have full involvement.

Sincerely,



Cindy Gangaram
(on behalf of and)
Chair of the Board of Directors,
Environment Hamilton