

January 23, 2020

RE: NEW ENBRIDGE, INC. PIPELINE PROPOSAL THROUGH ONTARIO

I am a resident of Ward 7 and I am deeply disturbed to learn Enbridge Inc. wants to build a "new" 48" fracked gas pipeline across ten kilometres of rural Hamilton between Safari Road and the 8th Concession. The proposed pipeline route lies entirely within the protected Greenbelt and sensitive lands such as the Beverly Swamp.

The new pipeline would be entirely inside the Greenbelt; cross city-designated environmentally sensitive areas; provincially significant wetlands; and Hamilton's largest stream as well as Bronte Creek. It would require blasting bedrock. Enbridge wants a HUGE easement: 28 metres wide PLUS the same amount of land bulldozed "temporarily" for construction. The route also plows through environmentally sensitive lands purchased by the public and held by the Hamilton Conservation Authority to permanently protect them. What is the point of having "protected" lands, when Enbridge is given permission to bulldoze a ten kilometre path through these protected lands?

Also, the City of Hamilton declared a "climate emergency" on March 18, 2019. The whole point of this declaration is to make sure that our City moves forward in ways to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

The new pipeline means that we are expanding instead of reducing our reliance on fossil fuels such as the fracked gas that this pipeline would transport from Pennsylvania, piped through Sarnia and across Ontario. New fracked gas pipelines in the US are being successfully blocked by climate and community activists which is the reason for this proposal. This pipeline would certainly not benefit Ontario or Canada.

This is a destructive plan which must be stopped. Because the fracking process features extensive leakage, it may cause as much climate damage as coal. It also permanently contaminates groundwater, pollutes surface waters used in extraction and often results in earthquakes.

Our politicians are elected to serve the greater good of our community. This plan will definitely NOT serve the "greater good". I urge you to stop this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Blackborow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Blackborow
Hamilton, ON