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February 7, 2020

Ontario Energy Board  
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Attention: Board Secretary

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Dear Board Secretary:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. EB-2019-0159**

Please be advised that in response to the above noted application by Enbridge Gas Inc. and Procedural Order No. 1 issued on January 30, 2020 by the Ontario Energy Board regarding EB-2019-0159, the Board of Directors of the Hamilton Conservation Authority passed the following motion at their February 6, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

**THAT the Hamilton Conservation Authority acknowledges our limited mandate as outlined in Section 20 of the Conservation Authorities Act R.S.O. 1990 in regard to gas, oil, coal and minerals;**

**THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to advise Enbridge Gas Inc. that the HCA opposes the easement request pending the results of an ecological study, independent peer review of the same study and the pending Ontario Energy Board's decision regarding the proposed natural gas pipeline, specifically a decision approving the project;**

**THAT staff be directed to advise the Ontario Energy Board that the Hamilton Conservation Authority encourages the Ontario Energy Board to take climate change considerations into account when determining if the natural gas pipeline is in the public interest as they consider Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Leave to Construct Application; and,**

**THAT Hamilton Conservation Authority request that the Ontario Energy Board conduct oral hearings.**

**THAT the Ontario Energy Board be advised that the Hamilton Conservation Authority supports including within the scope of the Leave to Construct proceeding the following:**

1. **impacts related to the methods of upstream natural gas extraction (such as hydraulic fracturing) for natural gas that will be transported through the pipeline**
2. **impacts related to the ultimate downstream consumption of the natural gas transported through the pipeline.**

Please consider this as our written submission regarding this matter being filed prior to February 10, 2020 as per Procedural Order No. 1 for EB-2019-0159. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (905) 525-2181, ext. 126, by fax (905) 648-4622 or by email at [Lisa.Burnside@conservationhamilton.ca](mailto:Lisa.Burnside@conservationhamilton.ca).

Sincerely,



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Chief Administrative Officer

cc: City of Hamilton, Tony Sergi, Senior Director, Growth Management Division, Planning and Economic Development Department

Enbridge Gas Inc.