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To: BoardSec <BoardSec@oeb.ca>
Subject: Enbridge 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion EB-2019-0159

Ontario Energy Board,

The following is my written comment on the Enbridge 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion EB-2019-0159 project proposal.

As a resident of the [REDACTED] Hamilton area I oppose this project.

In the words of the Ontario Energy Board, you ask if the review of the project should include:
“i. impacts related to the methods of upstream natural gas extraction (such as hydraulic fracturing) for natural gas that will be transported through the pipeline

ii. impacts related to the ultimate downstream consumption of the natural gas transported through the pipeline.”

Yes. I think all residents of Ontario, including myself, would like you to include these two points in your review as a minimum of the impacts you should be researching and expanding upon.

I would like the Ontario Energy Board to hold a fully transparent oral hearing to discuss the project and its impacts that it will have in Pennsylvania, Ontario, and New York. To be fully transparent, this oral hearing should include discussion and truthful information on general environmental impacts that the project will have. Afterwards, the OEB should give Ontario residents simple information on how they can then support or disapprove of the project.

The hearing and review should cover all relevant topics such as: ground water pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and environmental destruction during the preparation; process; and aftermath of fracking. The environmental destruction that the project will cause during the construction process (as the pipeline is built through many recognised protected/environmentally significant areas in Ontario) should also be **publicly** discussed, as well as the impacts it would have on our wetlands, rivers, and farmland if the pipeline were to burst or leak, as many of them do. Also, to be discussed, should be permits pertaining to building/development/working in and through conservation land. This discussion/review should also expand upon information regarding the full costs of the project, how those costs will impact Ontario and its residents, information on where the money for the project is coming from, how it will be paid back etc.

Québec has offered for Ontario to buy renewable hydro power electricity for a significantly lower price than the cost of natural gas and oil from this project. If the demand is there, it would be much more in tune with Ontario's interests to take this offer instead of allowing this project. Especially as the main focus of this project is for Ontario to be the 'middle man' for fracked gas to be transported right next door from Pennsylvania to New York. Ontarians have no interest in turning our protected wetlands, rivers, and conservations into a detour for a fracked gas pipeline due to opposition in Pennsylvania and New York. The demand for natural gas and oil in Ontario has also been on a steady decrease which proves this project to be undesirable in Ontario.

On a closing note; we have recognized a climate emergency that is largely caused by fossil fuels, it is especially outrageous to increase the extraction or transportation of more fossil fuels when it is not in our province's or people's interest.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. 😊

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