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To: Ontario Energy Board

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.- 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion Project

In our recent federal election, two-thirds of Canadians voted for climate action. Yet in the news, we hear of plans to expand the oil and gas sector all across Canada. We are living in truly sad and outrageous times.

Here in Hamilton, we have our own outrageous proposal to build a new gas pipeline through some of the most precious and protected lands in our city. To keep these lands protected into the future, the Hamilton Naturalists' Club has even purchased some of these lands so that the Hamilton Conservation Authority can ensure their protection. Yet the proposed pipeline will blast and destroy a large portion of these protected lands. What is going on here?

As a retired science teacher, I have followed climate change for nearly 30 years. In October of 2018, scientists, finally pressed the panic button. They are warning of disaster to the major life-support systems on our planet. Everyday people are seeing the early signs of the devastation of a changing climate, consequently citizens across our globe are waking up to this enormous problem. And the problem is only **accelerating** according to climate scientists.

Hamilton declared a climate emergency in March of 2019. There is only one way to respond to this emergency: stop the expansion of fossil fuel use and transition to renewable forms of energy. Hence, the Enbridge pipeline proposal must be denied! It is irrational to believe that we can expand fossil fuel use and decrease our greenhouse gas emissions.

In our current system, politicians, and people who have the power to make decisions in our institutions like the OEB, realize that no one is hardly held accountable for the actions one takes. By the time the consequences of a poor decision are realized, the decision-makers are long gone.

I beg that the members of the Ontario Energy Board, critical decision-makers in this case, to do the right thing:

- consider the **climate emergency** when it reviews the proposed brand new 48" Enbridge fracked gas pipeline across rural Hamilton
- hold a fully transparent oral hearing.

Our young children, future generations and life in all its forms are relying on you to act with good conscience.

Thank you for your attention.

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