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Re: EB-2019-0159-Enbridge Gas Inc. – 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion Project

Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Board Secretary:

In response to the above noted application by Enbridge Gas Inc. and Procedural Order No. 1 issued on January 30 by the OEB, regarding EB-2019-0159, the 600-member Hamilton Naturalists' Club reiterates our letter of December 16, 2019 commenting on the proposal by Enbridge Gas Inc. to construct a 10-kilometre, 48-inch natural gas pipeline across rural Flamborough.

Since our letter, concern continues to grow about the detrimental impact of the pipeline on an area dominated by the Beverly Swamp, one of the largest and most environmentally significant wetlands in Ontario, and the headwaters of major streams including Spencer, Fairchild and Grindstone creeks.

The pipeline, we believe, would pose the risk of damaging habitat for wildlife, including endangered species. It would be entirely within the protected Greenbelt and cross three large properties purchased by the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) for the purpose of protecting these ecologically sensitive lands, which should be permanently protected.

As we noted, the pipeline proposal to move fracked gas comes at a time when a growing number of municipalities, including Hamilton and Burlington, have declared climate emergencies and are developing strategies for rapid reductions in the use of fossil fuels such as gas, oil and coal. Such concerns are being emphasized by Hamilton City Council and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) among others.

We fully support the recommendations of Hamilton City Council and the HCA that climate change considerations be taken into account when determining if the natural gas pipeline is in the public interest. Hamilton's own climate change goals for the reduction of greenhouse gases are integral to an environmentally sustainable energy strategy and should be an essential part of the evaluation.

We also support the HCA's motion, approved unanimously February 7, in opposition to the Enbridge request for an easement pending the results of an ecological study and independent peer review of the same study.

Regarding the scope of the Leave to Construct Application, we fully support the HCA's position that two important issues be included in the hearing:

1. Impacts related to the methods of upstream natural gas extraction (such as hydraulic fracturing) for natural gas transported through the pipeline

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2. Impacts related to the ultimate downstream consumption of the natural gas transported through the pipeline

In addition, the Hamilton Naturalists' Club reiterates our request that the OEB hold an open and transparent oral hearing on the pipeline as recommended by Hamilton City Council and the HCA among others. We respectfully urge the OEB to consider holding the public hearing in Hamilton, as suggested by Hamilton City Council.

Sincerely,

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