

To Ontario Energy Board,

Increasing natural gas pipeline capacity does not square with Ontario's environment plan which relies on a significant decrease in natural gas emissions to meet its carbon pollution reductions. Fossil fuel project reviews, such as of Enbridge's Dawn-Parkway gas pipeline, must consider the climate impacts of upstream extraction and downstream consumption. Pipeline reviews need to assess the economic risks of projects in the face of global commitments to reduce fossil fuel use, especially when Ontario ratepayers subsidize pipeline costs. Pipeline assessments need to seriously consider impacts to species at risk and ecosystems from construction and leaks. Those ecological studies need to happen before a review is conducted, not after. Furthermore, OEB reviews of energy projects need to consider alternatives like investments in energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy. The IPCC report released in 2018 was clear that we must reduce global emissions by half and begin to radically transform our societies by 2030 in order to have the best chance of avoiding the most catastrophic climate change scenario. Ontario needs to do our part. Your decisions affect generations not yet born; please don't let them or us down.

I urge you to hold a fully transparent oral hearing, open to the public. The Enbridge Dawn-Parkway pipeline proposal affects all people living in Ontario. Please respect our democracy by holding a fully transparent and public hearing, and by properly evaluating the impacts of this pipeline, including economic risk assessments and ecological studies that include impact assessments for ecosystems and species at risk from construction and the inevitable event of a leak or spill, before a final project review is completed.

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