Society Interrogatory #4

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Reference:
Exhibit D3-1-2, Attachment 2, Clarington Corporate Campus Business Case Summary.

The Campus BCS describes a number of issues related to municipal government, specifically: zoning restrictions, the need for permits and connection agreements, and the possible construction of an organic digester near the proposed Clarington site.

a) To the best of OPG's knowledge, what is the status of the organic digester project proposed by the Region of Durham? If the organic digester is still under consideration, does OPG expect a decision from Durham before December 2021 or whenever OPG is expecting to commit to the execution of the Campus project?
b) Has OPG resolved any restrictions related to local zoning requirements? If not, please explain how they could impact the project.
c) To date, has OPG experienced any problems obtaining required permits and connection agreements? Is this still a future project risk? If so, by when are permits required for the project to stay on schedule?

Response

a) OPG understands that the Region of Durham has approved the location of an organic digester in the Clarington Energy Park. The Region of Durham has assured OPG that they will be taking steps to mitigate the concerns OPG raised related to the organic digester. OPG does not view the Organic Digester Project as a material risk to continuing with the Clarington Corporate Campus project.

b) and c)

Until all permits and approvals have been received, permitting and the zoning requirements therein will remain an ongoing risk to the site plan being approved and the project schedule being realized. While OPG has not experienced any issues obtaining permits or approvals to date, OPG continues to work with the Municipality of Clarington and regional stakeholders to ensure required permitting and approvals are obtained to meet the project schedule. The Municipality of Clarington has expressed their support for the project.