

**EB-2021-0039**

**Ontario Energy Board Lakefront Utilities Inc. (LUI) 2022 Rate Application**

**Notice of Intervention of the Cobourg taxpayers Association**

to: Ms. Christine E. Long, Registrar, And

to: Mr. Dereck C. Paul, President, LUI

**1. Identity of the Intervenor and its membership:**

The Cobourg taxpayers Association (CTA) announces its intention to intervene and participate in the above-noted proceeding. The CTA is an organization of concerned Cobourg residents working to promote the cost-effective fiscal management of the Town of Cobourg and its subsidiaries. The CTA participated in the 2017 LUI Rate Application as an intervenor. Individuals authorized to represent the CTA in this proceeding:

- a. Dennis Nabieszko, CTA President Email: [d.nabieszko@gmail.com](mailto:d.nabieszko@gmail.com)
- b. Ken Strauss CTA Director Email: [ken.strauss@pebblebeach.ca](mailto:ken.strauss@pebblebeach.ca)
- c. Bryan Lambert CTA Director Email: [blambert14@cogeco.ca](mailto:blambert14@cogeco.ca)

2. To mitigate costs, the CTA requests only electronic copies of the materials. Paper copies of some or all of the materials may be requested as needed. The CTA requests electronic copies of the application and any additional supporting materials be sent to its representatives at their respective e-mail addresses.

**3. Grounds for the Intervention:**

- a. The CTA was granted intervenor status and cost eligibility in LUI's previous cost of service application EB-2016- 0089.
- b. Proposed operating and maintenance expenses are increasing by over 19%.
- c. Lakefront Utilities Inc. (LUI) is seeking to cost recovery (revenue) which is about 12% more than the 2017 approved rates.
- d. The proposed 2022 test year capital budget is more than 13% higher than the prior capital budget approved by the OEB.
- e. These figures are in excess of inflation for the same period.
- f. LUI is also seeking a number of new charges, including:
  - a. a Standby Charge for large customers and
  - b. a charge of \$2.00 per month for customers receiving a paper bill.

#### **4. Interests of the Intervenor:**

- a. The CTA is intervening to promote the cost-effective operation of LUI, a Town of Cobourg subsidiary.
- b. Through the intervention process in 2016, LUI's requested rate increase was reduced by about 23%

#### **5. Intention to seek Cost Recovery from LUI:**

- a. The CTA will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding since it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).
- b. As was the case in 2016, the CTA expects its costs to be minimal.

Cobourg, JUNE 4, 2021