

DECISION AND ORDER EB-2021-0194

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the unincorporated District of Kenora

By Delegation, before: Pascale Duguay

August 12, 2021

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This Decision and Order grants a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) under the *Municipal Franchises Act* to Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas), authorizing it to serve specific areas within the unincorporated District of Kenora (District of Kenora).

In June 2021, the Ontario government announced certain projects that will receive funding under Phase 2 of its Natural Gas Expansion Program (NGEP) to expand access to natural gas across the province. The "Kenora District (Highway 594)" project along Highway 594 in the District of Kenora, west of the City of Dryden (the Project) was one of the projects selected for funding under the NGEP. ¹

THE PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 25, 2021 under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The application was for an order of the OEB granting Enbridge Gas a certificate to construct works to supply gas for specific areas in the District of Kenora.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper on July 15, 2021. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, which serve as authorities for public lands and for areas with ministerial zoning orders within unincorporated townships, such as the District of Kenora, were served with a copy of the application and Notice of Hearing. There were no intervenors.

THE APPLICATION

Enbridge Gas is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its head office in the City of Toronto.

The District of Kenora is an unincorporated district in Northwestern Ontario which does not have an organized government.

¹ O. Reg. 451/21: Expansion of Natural Gas Distribution Systems, made under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

Enbridge Gas currently holds a limited certificate to construct works to supply gas in certain areas of the District of Kenora (EB-2017-0114, dated July 19, 2018). The detailed boundaries of Enbridge Gas's service area within the District of Kenora are set out therein.

Enbridge Gas forecasts that the Project will provide access to gas distribution service to 30 new customers in the District of Kenora. Enbridge Gas anticipates that additional customers will request to have access to gas distribution service once the proposed facilities are operating. The anticipated new service area in the District of Kenora includes the area bounded by Concession 4, Lots 6 through 10 and Concession 5, Lots 6 through 10.

Enbridge Gas now applies to the OEB for authorization to serve this area.

OEB FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve the application. Enbridge Gas filed a complete application and provided notice of the hearing in the manner instructed by the OEB. I note that no party intervened to object to the application.

The OEB is issuing a new certificate to Enbridge Gas for the District of Kenora. The new certificate includes Enbridge Gas's existing service territory within the District of Kenora (as set out in EB-2017-0114), and the new service area that is comprised of Concession 4, Lots 6 through 10 and Concession 5, Lots 6 through 10. The certificate is attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, and it cancels and supersedes EB-2017-0114.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- The certificate of public convenience and necessity, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas Inc. to construct works to supply gas in the unincorporated District of Kenora, limited to certain areas. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes EB-2017-0114.
- 2. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, August 12, 2021

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Original Signed By

Pascale Duguay Manager, Natural Gas

SCHEDULE A

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE UNINCORPORATED DISTRICT OF KENORA

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Ontario Energy Board grants

Enbridge Gas Inc.

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act,* R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply natural gas in the

Unincorporated District of Kenora

as it is constituted on the date of this Decision and Order, in the following areas:

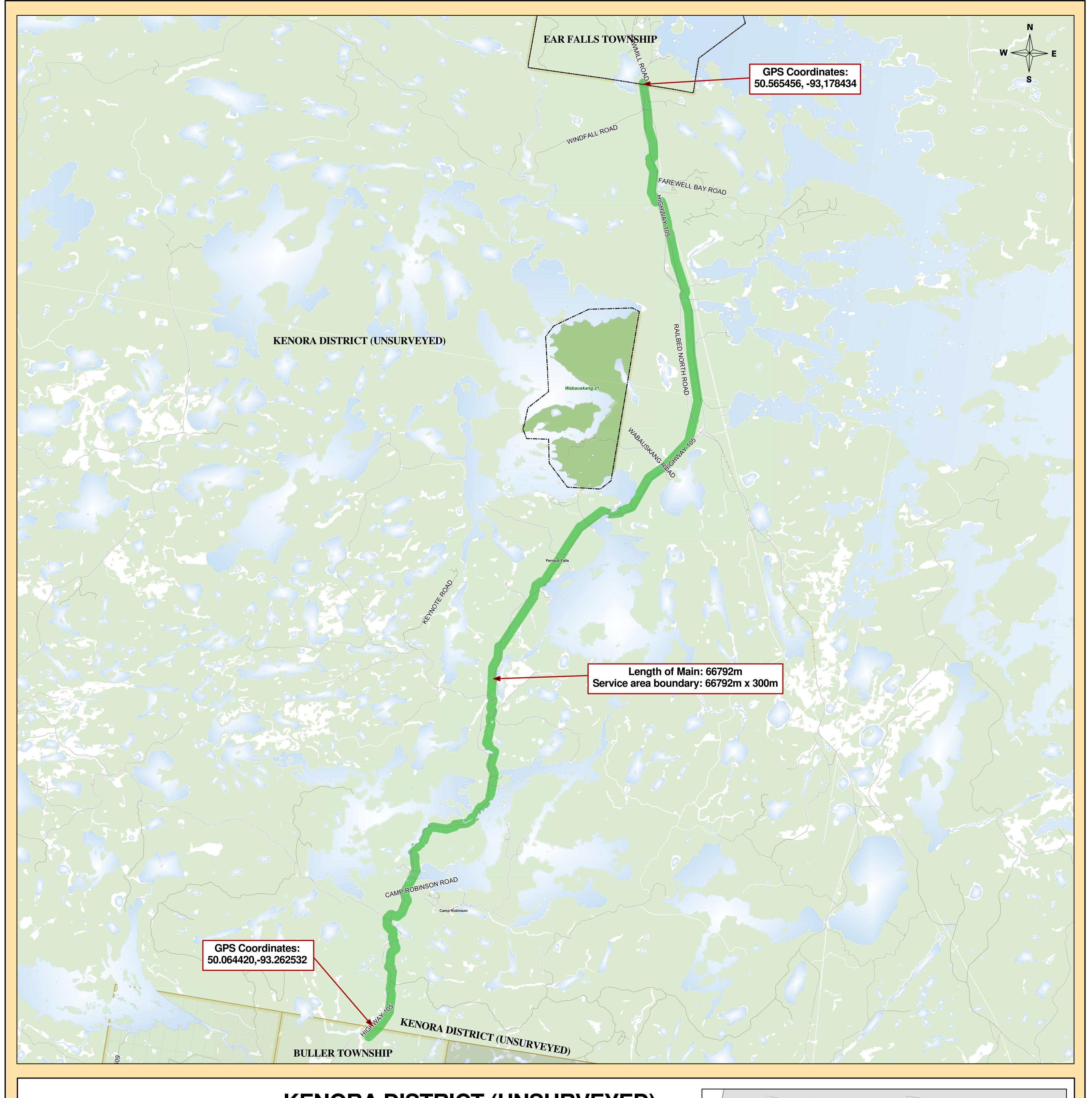
- The area outlined in the maps as attached as Appendix A to this schedule
- Concession 4 All of Lots 6 to 10 (Inclusive)
- Concession 5 All of Lots 6 to 10 (Inclusive)

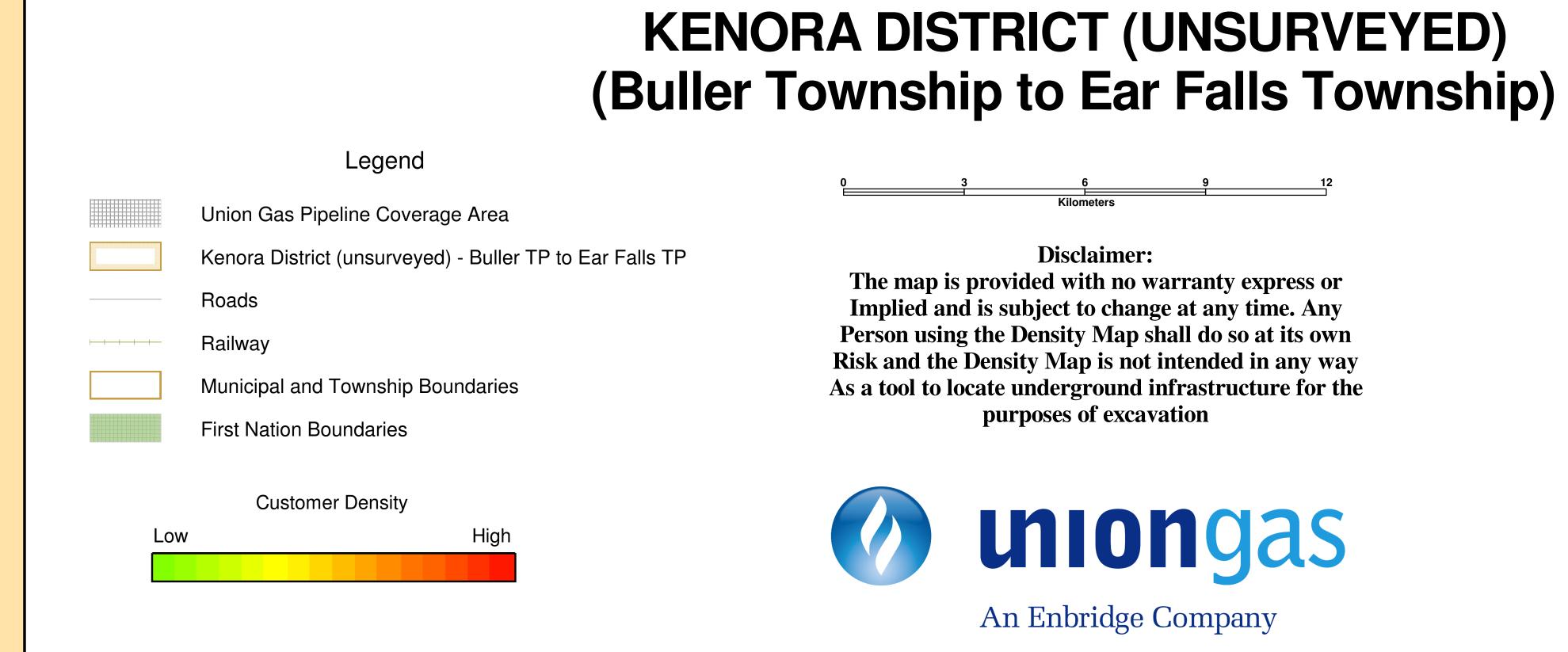
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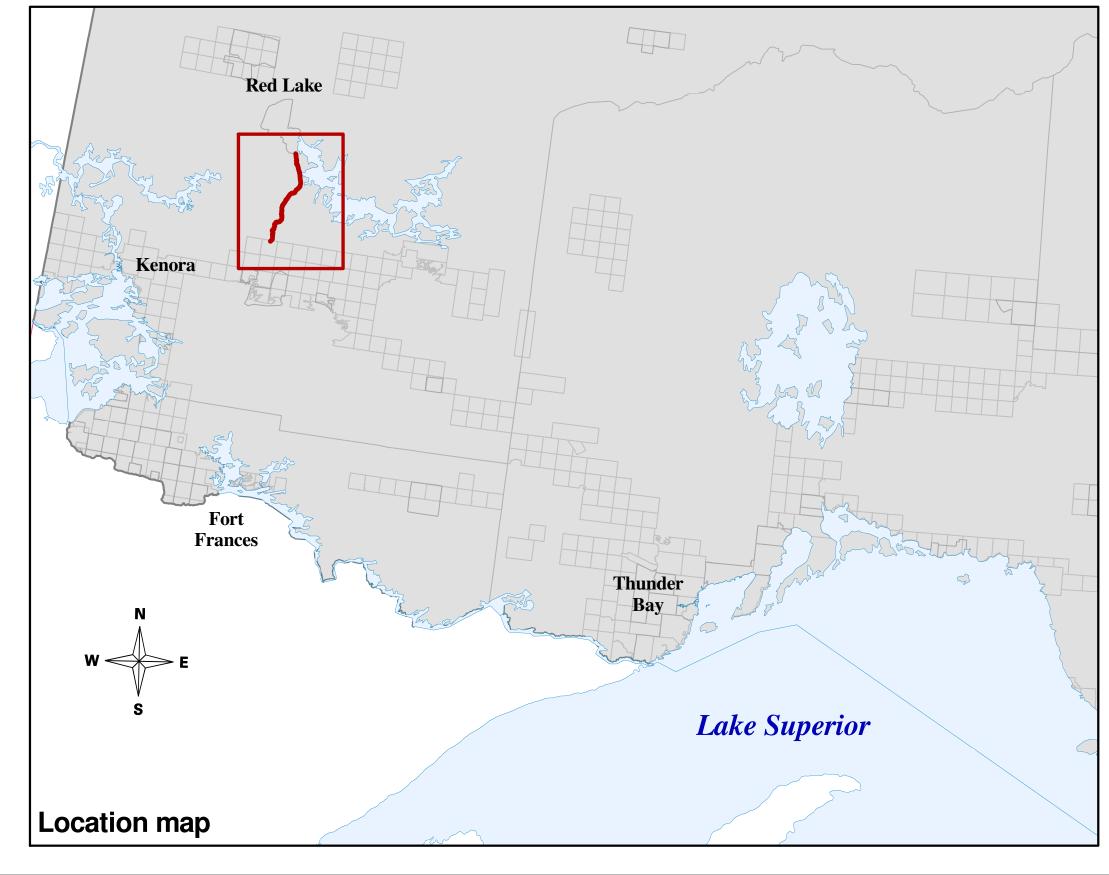
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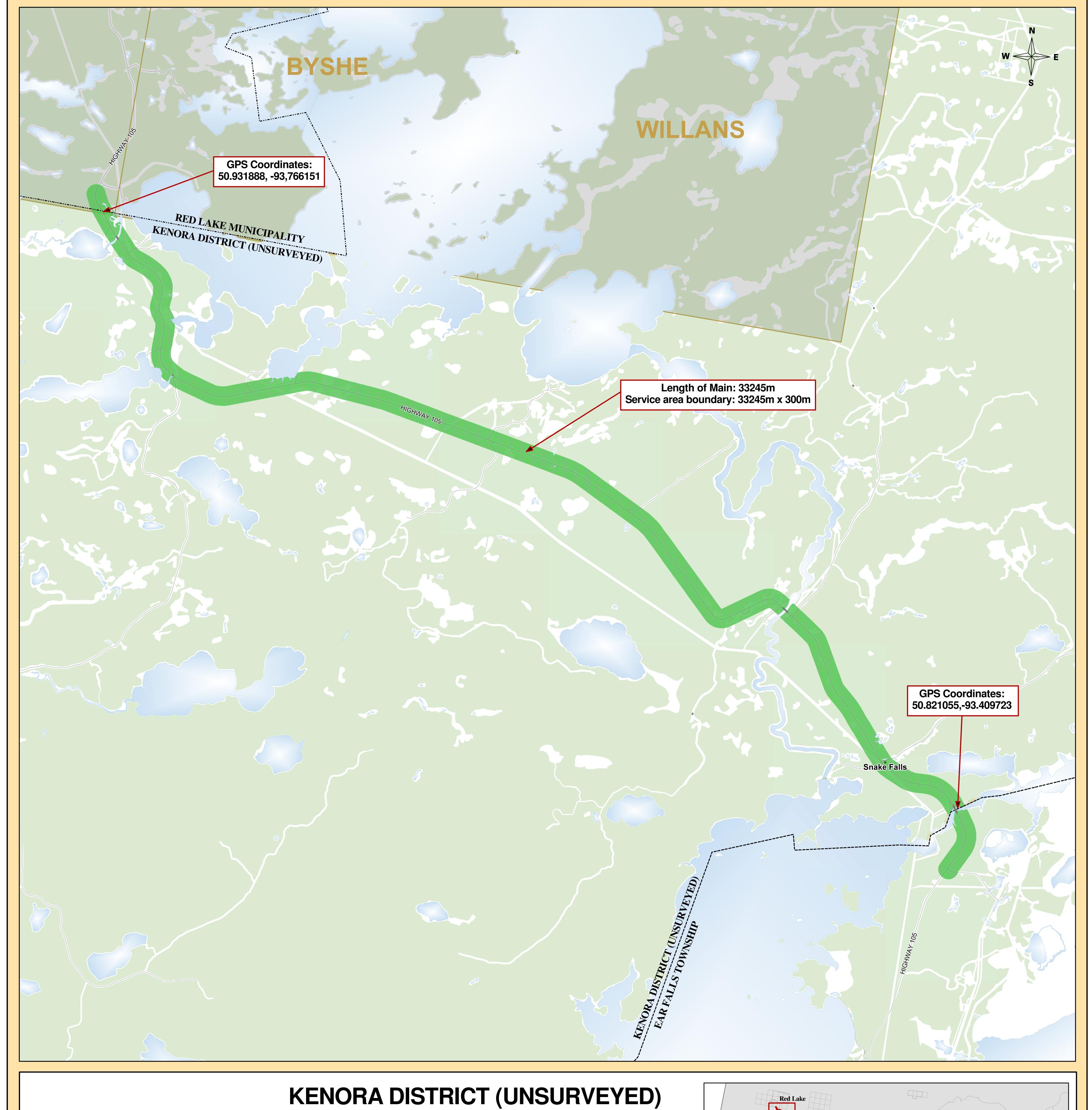
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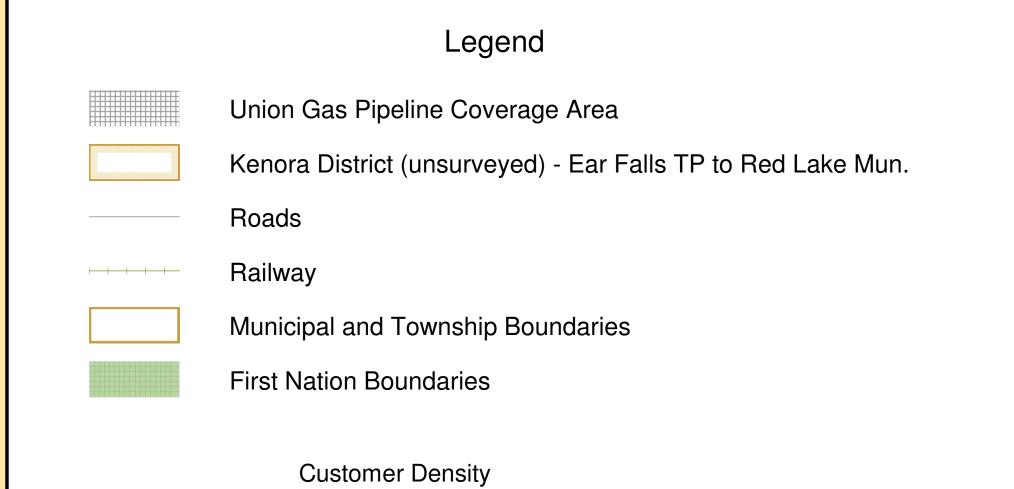




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