

EB-2021-0205

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B; and in particular section 90(1) and section 97 thereof;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an order granting leave to construct natural gas pipelines in the Municipality of Greenstone

**LETTER OF COMMENT
OF
MINODAHMUN DEVELOPMENT LP**

March 7, 2022

1. Minodahmun Development LP (MDLP) is an intervenor in this proceeding. MDLP is a 100% First Nation owned partnership created by Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (AZA), Aroland First Nation (AFN) and Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN) (collectively MDLP First Nation members).
2. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is applying to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 90(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, for an Order granting leave to construct approximately 13 km of Nominal Pipe Size (NPS) 6 inch extra-high pressure (XHP) steel natural gas main within the Municipality of Greenstone, Ontario, and within the treaty lands and traditional territories of MDLP First Nation members, in order to provide natural gas distribution service to the proposed Greenstone Mine Project. The Greenstone Mine Project is an open pit gold mine located near the city of Geraldton, within the treaty lands and traditional territories of MDLP First Nation members, and operated by Greenstone Gold Mines GP Inc. (Greenstone Gold).
3. MDLP applied to the OEB for intervenor status in this proceeding on September 24, 2021, and was subsequently granted intervenor status. MDLP is a 100% First Nation owned partnership created by Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (AZA), Aroland First Nation (AFN) and Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN) (collectively - MDLP First Nation members) to maximize First Nation participation in development projects. MDLP, AZA, AFN and GFN are affected by this Application with respect to treaty rights, land use, cultural heritage, and economic interests.
4. Minodahmun's goal is to ensure that benefits from development projects are shared equitably with MDLP First Nation members to grow the local economy and provide opportunities for its members.

5. The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MENDM) by way of a letter delegated the procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult for the Project to Enbridge Gas on January 30, 2019 (Delegation Letter). In the Delegation Letter the MENDM identified seven First Nations to be consulted about the Project, including who are represented in this proceeding by MDLP.
6. MDLP has actively and responsibly participated in this proceeding, and has provided a submission to the Board.
7. MDLP has separately engaged with Enbridge Gas for a legally binding accommodation agreement which was executed March 3, 2022. MDLP, AZA, AFN and GFN are no longer seeking additional conditions from the Board's decision and order with respect to the proposed project.