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The Ontario Energy Board

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-- Comments --
My comments on this expansion relate to increasing the use of methane (natural gas) for consumption at a time when we as a society need to be reducing our methane usage both for climate change and air quality reasons. Methane is a fossil fuel and burning it produces greenhouse gasses as well as general air pollution. Once installed, the pipeline will have a lifespan of many decades or more.

There currently are alternatives to using methane for heating and other uses.
Cold climate heat pumps are a key and growing alternative to using methane for heating. These are well proven and growing in usage. When used with clean electricity generation they provide a very efficient and low or no carbon alternative to fossil fuel use. For customers converting from either oil or propane the cost savings can be substantial. The government should be providing subsidies to residents to move to heat pump technology instead of increasing methane gas usage.

The township of Selwyn has passed a resolution to reduce its overall greenhouse gas emissions by 39% by 2031 which is an admirable and achievable goal. Allowing more methane gas to be used within the township works against this goal.

For these reasons I am strongly opposed to this project going forward.
Increasing methane gas usage at a time when we need to be reducing our fossil fuel usage is not appropriate. This is counter productive to both the Township of Selwyn's climate change goals as well as Ontario and Canada's.

-- Receive a copy of the decision? --
Yes

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