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Please reject this application.

According to the David Suzuki Foundation:

Canada and 150 other countries have pledged to reduce their use of natural gas by 2030. Methane is the main component of natural gas. It is a potent greenhouse gas with a global warming potential that is more than 80 times greater than carbon dioxide. It is responsible for at least a quarter of today's global warming. Reducing its use is one of the fastest, most cost-effective ways to slow global warming.

You have the authority to reject the application for a new gas pipeline in my community. A project that, if allowed to proceed, will negatively impact the goals set out in Selwyn's own Climate Action Plan (passed November, 2016) to reduce GHG emissions by 39% by 2031 as 47% come from residential and commercial buildings. Similar projects in other communities will have similar impacts. Collectively, all of us in Ontario will pay a heavy price for the planned expansion of natural gas.

Today there are other heating options; ones less harmful to the atmosphere and more economical. The sale of new gas furnaces is to be phased out in Canada in a few years and carbon taxes will increase the cost of gas to consumers. Ontario and Selwyn are heading in the opposite direction from the rest of the world and using our tax dollars to subsidize these plans, locking people into burning fossil fuels for years.

Please, use your power to help people transition from their current heating situation to a solution that meets their needs in a sustainable way rather than expanding the use of fossil fuels. These could be solar, geothermal or the installation of a cold climate heatpump rated to -30 degrees Celsius.

We all have a lot riding on your decision on this application. I'm counting on you to look and to help others move forward. Please note that I would like to receive notification of updates on this application.

Best Regards,

David Horwood