



Enbridge Gas Inc.  
50 Keil Drive North  
Chatham, Ontario, Canada  
N7M 5M1

March 30, 2023

Ms. Nancy Marconi  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Application for Renewal of Franchise Agreement with the Township of Strong  
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2023-0102**

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated March 23, 2023, enclosed is my Affidavit of Service in regard to the above-noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Gary Collins  
Sr. Analyst Regulatory Research

Encl.

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. M.55, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the Township of Strong is, by by-law, to grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Township of Strong;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Township of Strong to the by-law is not necessary;

**-: AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE :-**

I, Gary Collins, of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, in the Province of Ontario, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am an employee in the Chatham Office of Enbridge Gas Inc., the Applicant in the matter referred to in the preamble to this my Affidavit and I have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed to.
2. By courier on March 28, 2023, a true copy of the Notice of Application and Hearing issued by the Ontario Energy Board on March 23, 2023 and a true copy of the Application dated March 8, 2023 to the above preamble, along with a cover letter, was sent to the Township of Strong, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
3. Pursuant to the March 23, 2023 Letter of Direction, a copy of the Notice, the application and evidence is available for public review upon request to Enbridge Gas and as evidenced by the print screen attached hereto as Exhibit "B" a copy of this material has been posted to the Enbridge Gas website at <https://www.enbridgegas.com/about-enbridge-gas/regulatory>
4. I make this Affidavit in good faith and for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME, at the           )  
City of Toronto in the Province    )  
of Ontario this 30<sup>th</sup> day of         )  
March, 2023.                                )

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Gary Collins

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A Commissioner, etc.

This is Exhibit "A" to the Affidavit  
of Gary Collins sworn before me  
this 30th day of March 2023.

Township of Strong  
28 Municipal Lane  
Sundridge, ON P0A 1Z0

Attention: Caitlin Haggart, Clerk

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A Commissioner, etc.



Enbridge Gas Inc.  
50 Keil Drive North  
Chatham, Ontario, Canada  
N7M 5M1

March 28, 2023

Caitlin Haggart, Clerk  
Township of Strong  
28 Municipal Lane  
Sundridge, ON P0A 1Z0

Dear Ms. Haggart:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Application for Approval of Franchise Agreement – Township of Strong  
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2023-0102**

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated March 23, 2023, Enbridge Gas now serves upon you a copy of the Notice of Hearing together with a copy of the relevant Application for approval of the Franchise Agreement between Enbridge Gas and the Township of Strong.

The Ontario Energy Board will be arranging for publication of the Notice of Hearing in the *Almaguin News* newspaper on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

Yours truly,

*[Original Signed By]*

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# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

## Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to renew its natural gas franchise agreement with the Township of Strong.

**Learn more. Have your say.**

**Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for:**

- 1. An order approving the renewal of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Township of Strong which would grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas within the Township of Strong for a period of 20 years.**
- 2. An order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Township of Strong is not required in relation to the by-law approving the natural gas franchise agreement.**

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas's application. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Enbridge Gas's requests.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

### CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

In order to construct any works to distribute natural gas in Ontario, a person must comply with the requirements of the *Municipal Franchises Act* (Act). This Act requires that a person that intends to construct any works to supply natural gas within a municipality must first receive approval from the OEB, in the form of a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate). Where the OEB has issued a certificate for an area within which there is currently no natural gas distribution service, another person can apply for a certificate to construct works to supply that area.

### BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **April 17, 2023** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

### LEARN MORE

Our file number for this application is **EB-2023-0102**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2023-0102** on the OEB website: **[www.oeb.ca/participate](http://www.oeb.ca/participate)**. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

### ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings— oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **April 17, 2023**.

### PRIVACY

*If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.*

*This hearing will be held under section 9(3) and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55.*



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Enbridge Gas Inc.  
50 Keil Drive North  
Chatham, Ontario, Canada  
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March 8, 2023

Ms. Nancy Marconi  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Application for Renewal of Franchise Agreement  
Township of Strong**

Attached is an application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for Orders of the Ontario Energy Board with respect to a franchise agreement with the Township of Strong. An agreement has been reached between Enbridge Gas Inc. and the Township of Strong regarding the terms and conditions of the proposed franchise agreement.

Should you have any questions on this application, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the receipt of your instructions.

Yours truly,

Patrick  
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## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the Township of Strong is, by by-law, to grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Township of Strong;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Township of Strong to the by-law is not necessary.

### APPLICATION

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas), a regulated public utility, is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its offices in the City of Toronto and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
2. The Corporation of the Township of Strong (Municipality) is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. Attached hereto and marked as Schedule "A" is a map showing the geographical location of the Municipality and a customer density representation of Enbridge Gas' service area.
3. The Township of Strong is a single-tier municipality in the District of Parry Sound. Enbridge Gas currently serves approximately 250 customers in the Municipality. Enbridge Gas and its predecessors have been providing access to gas distribution services within the Township of Strong since approximately 1983.
4. Enbridge Gas has an existing franchise agreement (effective August 26, 2003) and associated by-law (By-law 2002-1459) with the Township of Strong which is attached as Schedule "B".
5. Enbridge Gas has a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Strong (EBC 126) dated September 14, 1983 which is attached as Schedule "C". Enbridge Gas is not aware of any changes to the municipal boundaries of the Township of Strong since the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was issued.
6. Enbridge Gas applied to the Council of the Municipality for a franchise agreement permitting Enbridge Gas to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the Township of Strong.

7. On January 23, 2023, the Council of the Municipality gave approval to the form of a Franchise Agreement in favour of Enbridge Gas and authorized Enbridge Gas to apply to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise agreement is proposed to be granted.
8. Attached hereto as Schedule "D" is a copy of the Resolution of the Council of the Municipality approving the form of the draft by-law and franchise agreement, authorizing this submission to the Ontario Energy Board, and requesting an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law and franchise agreement is not necessary.
9. Attached hereto as Schedule "E" is a copy of the draft form of By-law and the proposed franchise agreement.
10. Enbridge Gas has franchise agreements with and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Township of Armour, the Township of Machar and the Village of Sundridge, which are immediately adjacent to the Municipality. There is no other natural gas distributor in the area.
11. The proposed franchise agreement is in the form of the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement with no amendments and is for a term of twenty (20) years.
12. The address of the Municipality is as follows:

Township of Strong  
28 Municipal Lane  
Sundridge, ON P0A 1Z0  
Attention: Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator  
Telephone: (705) 384-5819 ext. 207  
Email: [clerk@strongtownship.com](mailto:clerk@strongtownship.com)

The address for Enbridge Gas' regional operations office is:

Enbridge Gas Inc.  
1211 Amber Drive  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6M4  
Attention: Nicole Lehto, Director, Northern Region Operations  
Email: [nicole.lehto@enbridge.com](mailto:nicole.lehto@enbridge.com)

13. The newspaper having the highest circulation in the Township of Strong is the *Almaguin News*. This is the newspaper used by the Municipality for its notices.



14. Enbridge Gas now applies to the Ontario Energy Board for:
- (a) an Order under s.9(3) approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Township of Strong is, by by-law, to grant Enbridge Gas the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works; and
  - (b) an Order pursuant to s.9(4) directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the Township of Strong is not necessary for the proposed franchise agreement by-law under the circumstances.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

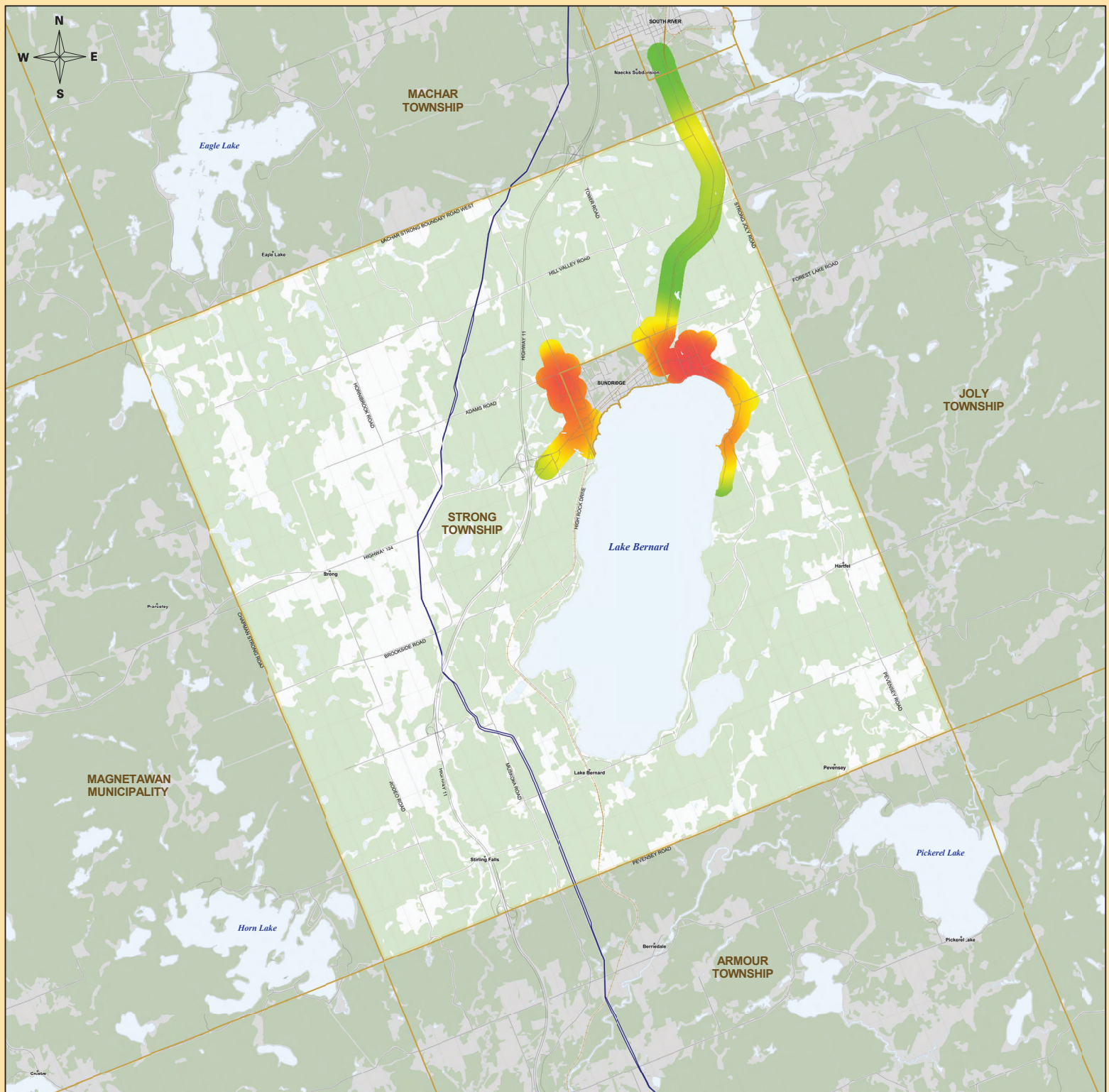
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Technical Manager  
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Comments respecting this Application should be directed to:

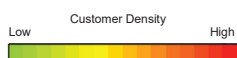
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## Township of Strong

### Legend

- Enbridge Gas Pipeline Coverage Area
- Township of Strong
- Trans CANADA Pipeline
- Roads
- Railways
- Municipal and Township Boundaries
- First Nation Boundaries



**Disclaimer:**  
The map is provided with no warranty express or implied and is subject to change at any time. Any Person using the Density Map shall do so at its own Risk and the Density Map is not intended in any way As a tool to locate underground infrastructure for the purposes of excavation



Location map



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG**

**BY-LAW 2002 – 1459**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
AND UNION GAS LIMITED**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong deems it expedient to enter into the attached franchise agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") with Union Gas Limited;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Energy Board by its Order issued pursuant to the Municipal Franchises Act on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2003 has approved the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise provided in the Franchise Agreement is proposed to be granted, and has declared and directed that the assent of the municipal electors in respect of this By-law is not necessary;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong **enacts as follows:**

1. That the Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Strong and Union Gas Limited, attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, is hereby authorized and the franchise provided for therein is hereby granted.
2. That the Reeve and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Strong to enter into and execute under its corporate seal and deliver the Franchise Agreement, which is hereby incorporated into and forming part of this by-law.
3. That the following by-laws be and the same are hereby repealed:  
  
By-law #83-1135 for the Corporation of the Township of Strong, passed in Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1983
4. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect as of the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2002

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2002

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED ON A MOTION BY **MERLYN SNOW**

AND SECONDED BY **CHRIS ELLIS**, THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2003

*[Original Signed By]*

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STEPHEN R. RAWN, REEVE

*[Original Signed By]*

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DIANA GEORGIE, CLERK

CERTIFIED to be  
a True copy of  
By Law 2002-1459  
passed in Open Council  
the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, 2003

*[Original Signed By Clerk.  
Diana Georgie]*

## 2000 Model Franchise Agreement

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THIS AGREEMENT effective this 26 day of August, 2003.

BETWEEN:

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG**

hereinafter called the "Corporation"

- and -



**union gas**

**LIMITED**

hereinafter called the "Gas Company"

WHEREAS the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the "By-law"), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

THEREFORE the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

### **Part I - Definitions**

#### **1. In this Agreement**

- (a) "decommissioned" and "decommissions" when used in connection with parts of the gas system, mean any parts of the gas system taken out of active use and purged in accordance with the applicable CSA standards and in no way affects the use of the term 'abandoned' pipeline for the purposes of the *Assessment Act*;

- (b) "Engineer/Road Superintendent" means the most senior individual employed by the Corporation with responsibilities for highways within the Municipality or the person designated by such senior employee or such other person as may from time to time be designated by the Council of the Corporation;
- (c) "gas" means natural gas, manufactured gas, synthetic natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or propane-air gas, or a mixture of any of them, but does not include a liquefied petroleum gas that is distributed by means other than a pipeline;
- (d) "gas system" means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
- (e) "highway" means all common and public highways and shall include any bridge, viaduct or structure forming part of a highway, and any public square, road allowance or walkway and shall include not only the travelled portion of such highway, but also ditches, driveways, sidewalks, and sodded areas forming part of the road allowance now or at any time during the term hereof under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (f) "Model Franchise Agreement" means the form of agreement which the Ontario Energy Board uses as a standard when considering applications under the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The Model Franchise Agreement may be changed from time to time by the Ontario Energy Board;
- (g) "Municipality" means the territorial limits of the Corporation on the date when this Agreement takes effect, and any territory which may thereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (h) "Plan" means the plan described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement required to be filed by the Gas Company with the Engineer/Road Superintendent prior to commencement of work on the gas system; and
- (i) whenever the singular, masculine or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine or masculine has been used where the context of the Agreement so requires.

## **Part II - Rights Granted**

### **2. To provide gas service**

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Municipality to the Corporation and to the inhabitants of the Municipality.

### **3. To Use Highways**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

### **4. Duration of Agreement and Renewal Procedures**

- (a) If the Corporation has not previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law.

or

- (b) If the Corporation has previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law provided that, if during the 20 year term of this Agreement, the Model Franchise Agreement is changed, then on the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of the passing of the By-law, this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to incorporate any changes in the Model Franchise Agreement in effect on such anniversary dates. Such deemed amendments shall not apply to alter the 20 year term.
- (c) At any time within two years prior to the expiration of this Agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. Until such renewal has been settled, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue, notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement. This shall not preclude either party from applying to the Ontario Energy Board for a renewal of the Agreement pursuant to section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

### Part III – Conditions

#### 5. Approval of Construction

- (a) The Gas Company shall not undertake any excavation, opening or work which will disturb or interfere with the surface of the travelled portion of any highway unless a permit therefore has first been obtained from the Engineer/Road Superintendent and all work done by the Gas Company shall be to his satisfaction.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, or any extensions or changes to it (except service laterals which do not interfere with municipal works in the highway), the Gas Company shall file with the Engineer/Road Superintendent a Plan, satisfactory to the Engineer/Road Superintendent, drawn to scale and of sufficient detail considering the complexity of the specific locations involved, showing the highways in which it proposes to lay its gas system and the particular parts thereof it proposes to occupy.
- (c) The Plan filed by the Gas Company shall include geodetic information for a particular location:
  - (i) where circumstances are complex, in order to facilitate known projects, including projects which are reasonably anticipated by the Engineer/Road Superintendent, or
  - (ii) when requested, where the Corporation has geodetic information for its own services and all others at the same location.
- (d) The Engineer/Road Superintendent may require sections of the gas system to be laid at greater depth than required by the latest CSA standard for gas pipeline systems to facilitate known projects or to correct known highway deficiencies.
- (e) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, the Engineer/Road Superintendent must approve the location of the work as shown on the Plan filed by the Gas Company, the timing of the work and any terms and conditions relating to the installation of the work.
- (f) In addition to the requirements of this Agreement, if the Gas Company proposes to affix any part of the gas system to a bridge, viaduct or other structure, if the Engineer/Road Superintendent approves this proposal, he may require the Gas Company to comply with special conditions or to enter into a separate agreement as a condition of the approval of this part of the construction of the gas system.

- (g) Where the gas system may affect a municipal drain, the Gas Company shall also file a copy of the Plan with the Corporation's Drainage Superintendent for purposes of the *Drainage Act*, or such other person designated by the Corporation as responsible for the drain.
- (h) The Gas Company shall not deviate from the approved location for any part of the gas system unless the prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent to do so is received.
- (i) The Engineer/Road Superintendent's approval, where required throughout this Paragraph, shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (j) The approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is not a representation or warranty as to the state of repair of the highway or the suitability of the highway for the gas system.

**6. As Built Drawings**

The Gas Company shall, within six months of completing the installation of any part of the gas system, provide two copies of "as built" drawings to the Engineer/Road Superintendent. These drawings must be sufficient to accurately establish the location, depth (measurement between the top of the gas system and the ground surface at the time of installation) and distance of the gas system. The "as built" drawings shall be of the same quality as the Plan and, if the approved pre-construction plan included elevations that were geodetically referenced, the "as built" drawings shall similarly include elevations that are geodetically referenced. Upon the request of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, the Gas Company shall provide one copy of the drawings in an electronic format and one copy as a hard copy drawing.

**7. Emergencies**

In the event of an emergency involving the gas system, the Gas Company shall proceed with the work required to deal with the emergency, and in any instance where prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is normally required for the work, the Gas Company shall use its best efforts to immediately notify the Engineer/Road Superintendent of the location and nature of the emergency and the work being done and, if it deems appropriate, notify the police force, fire or other emergency services having jurisdiction. The Gas Company shall provide the Engineer/Road Superintendent with at least one 24 hour emergency contact for the Gas Company and shall ensure the contacts are current.



8. **Restoration**

The Gas Company shall well and sufficiently restore, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, all highways, municipal works or improvements which it may excavate or interfere with in the course of laying, constructing, repairing or removing its gas system, and shall make good any settling or subsidence thereafter caused by such excavation or interference. If the Gas Company fails at any time to do any work required by this Paragraph within a reasonable period of time, the Corporation may do or cause such work to be done and the Gas Company shall, on demand, pay the Corporation's reasonably incurred costs, as certified by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.

9. **Indemnification**

The Gas Company shall, at all times, indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from and against all claims, including costs related thereto, for all damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, arising out of the Gas Company operating, constructing, and maintaining its gas system in the Municipality, or utilizing its gas system for the carriage of gas owned by others. Provided that the Gas Company shall not be required to indemnify or save harmless the Corporation from and against claims, including costs related thereto, which it may incur by reason of damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, resulting from the negligence or wrongful act of the Corporation, its servants, agents or employees.

10. **Insurance**

- (a) The Gas Company shall maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in sufficient amount and description as shall protect the Gas Company and the Corporation from claims for which the Gas Company is obliged to indemnify the Corporation under Paragraph 9. The insurance policy shall identify the Corporation as an additional named insured, but only with respect to the operation of the named insured (the Gas Company). The insurance policy shall not lapse or be cancelled without sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Corporation by the Gas Company.
- (b) The issuance of an insurance policy as provided in this Paragraph shall not be construed as relieving the Gas Company of liability not covered by such insurance or in excess of the policy limits of such insurance.
- (c) Upon request by the Corporation, the Gas Company shall confirm that premiums for such insurance have been paid and that such insurance is in full force and effect.

## 11. **Alternative Easement**

The Corporation agrees, in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence, to give the Gas Company reasonable notice of such proposed sale or closing and, if it is feasible, to provide the Gas Company with easements over that part of the highway proposed to be sold or closed sufficient to allow the Gas Company to preserve any part of the gas system in its then existing location. In the event that such easements cannot be provided, the Corporation and the Gas Company shall share the cost of relocating or altering the gas system to facilitate continuity of gas service, as provided for in Paragraph 12 of this Agreement.

## 12. **Pipeline Relocation**

- (a) If in the course of constructing, reconstructing, changing, altering or improving any highway or any municipal works, the Corporation deems that it is necessary to take up, remove or change the location of any part of the gas system, the Gas Company shall, upon notice to do so, remove and/or relocate within a reasonable period of time such part of the gas system to a location approved by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.
- (b) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall alter or relocate that part of the gas system at its sole expense.
- (c) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located other than on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the costs of relocation shall be shared between the Corporation and the Gas Company on the basis of the total relocation costs, excluding the value of any upgrading of the gas system, and deducting any contribution paid to the Gas Company by others in respect to such relocation; and for these purposes, the total relocation costs shall be the aggregate of the following:
  - (i) the amount paid to Gas Company employees up to and including field supervisors for the hours worked on the project plus the current cost of fringe benefits for these employees,
  - (ii) the amount paid for rental equipment while in use on the project and an amount, charged at the unit rate, for Gas Company equipment while in use on the project,
  - (iii) the amount paid by the Gas Company to contractors for work related to the project,

- (iv) the cost to the Gas Company for materials used in connection with the project, and
  - (v) a reasonable amount for project engineering and project administrative costs which shall be 22.5% of the aggregate of the amounts determined in items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above.
- (d) The total relocation costs as calculated above shall be paid 35% by the Corporation and 65% by the Gas Company, except where the part of the gas system required to be moved is located in an unassumed road or in an unopened road allowance and the Corporation has not approved its location, in which case the Gas Company shall pay 100% of the relocation costs.

#### **Part IV - Procedural And Other Matters**

##### **13. Municipal By-laws of General Application**

The Agreement is subject to the provisions of all regulating statutes and all municipal by-laws of general application, except by-laws which have the effect of amending this Agreement.

##### **14. Giving Notice**

Notices may be delivered to, sent by facsimile or mailed by prepaid registered post to the Gas Company at its head office or to the authorized officers of the Corporation at its municipal offices, as the case may be.

##### **15. Disposition of Gas System**

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
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Per: *[Original Signed By]*

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Stephen R. Rawn, Reeve

Per: *[Original Signed By]*

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Diana Georgie, Clerk/Treasurer

**UNION GAS LIMITED**

Per: *[Original Signed By]*

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Paul Rictdyk, Director

**Christine Jackson  
Assistant Secretary**



IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 309, Section 8;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Northern and Central Gas Corporation Limited for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works and to supply gas to the inhabitants of the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge in the District of Parry Sound.

BEFORE: I. C. MacNabb )  
Vice Chairman and )  
Presiding Member )  
S. J. Wychowanec, Q.C. ) June 15, 1983  
Vice Chairman )

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Northern and Central Gas Corporation Limited ("Northern") applied to the Ontario Energy Board on April 4, 1983, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works and to supply gas in the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge.

Notice of the application was published and served and no answers were filed.

The application was heard at Toronto on August 25, 1983, in the presence of counsel for Northern and for the Board, no one else appearing.

Exhibit " B " to the Affidavit of

*Morice Jamison*  
Sworn before me at the Municipality  
of Metropolitan Toronto in the Judicial  
District of York this 18 day of

October 19 83  
*L. Carmichael*  
A Commissioner etc.

The Board delivered an oral decision at the conclusion of the hearing.

1. THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be hereby granted to Northern to construct works to supply and to supply gas in the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge.

2. The Board's costs shall be paid by the Northern as soon as these have been fixed.

ISSUED at Toronto this 14TH day of SEPTEMBER 1983.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

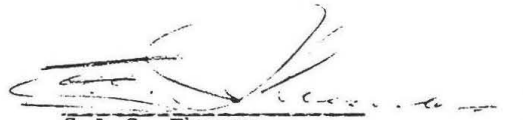
  
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Board Secretary

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October 1983

*L. Carmichael*  
A Commissioner etc.

Lily I. Carmichael, a Commissioner etc.  
Judicial District of York, for Northern and  
Gas Corporation Limited and its subsidiary  
Companies. Expires Mar. 19. 1985.





# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: January 24, 2023

Resolution # R2023 045

Moved by: Jeff McLaren

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Kevin Noaik

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Jim Ronholm

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Marianne Stickland

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Seconded by: Jeff McLaren

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Kevin Noaik

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Jim Ronholm

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Marianne Stickland

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Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approves the form of draft by-law 2023-007 and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act; and

This Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Township of Strong is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act.

[Original Signed By]

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Carried

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Mayor Tim Bryson

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote:

For

Against

Tim Bryson

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Jeff McLaren

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Kevin Noaik

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Jim Ronholm

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Marianne Stickland

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Conflict of Interest Declared and Seat (s)

Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong on the 24 day of January, 2023.

[Original Signed By]

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Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG

## BY-LAW NUMBER 2023-007

**A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG  
and  
ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong deems it expedient to enter into the attached franchise agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") with Enbridge Gas Inc.;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Energy Board by its Order issued pursuant to the *Municipal Franchises Act* on the       day of       , 2023 has approved the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise provided in the Franchise Agreement is proposed to be granted, and has declared and directed that the assent of the municipal electors in respect of this By-Law is not necessary:

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Strong enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Strong and Enbridge Gas Inc. attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, is hereby authorized and the franchise provided for therein is hereby granted.
2. **THAT** the Mayor and Clerk Administrator be and they are hereby authorized and instructed on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Strong to enter into and execute under its corporate seal and deliver the Franchise Agreement, which is hereby incorporated into and forming part of this By-Law.
3. **THAT** the following by-law be hereby repealed:
  - By-law Number 2002-1459 for the Corporation of the Township of Strong, passed in Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.
4. **THAT** this by-law shall come into force and take effect as of the final passing thereof.

Read a first time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Read a second time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Read a third time and finally passed this       day of       , 2023.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG**

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Tim Bryson, Mayor

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Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator

## **2000 Model Franchise Agreement**

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THIS AGREEMENT effective this                      day of                      , 2023

BETWEEN:

### **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG**

hereinafter called the "Corporation"

- and -

### **ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

hereinafter called the "Gas Company"

WHEREAS the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the "By-law"), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

THEREFORE the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

### **Part I - Definitions**

#### **1. In this Agreement**

- (a) "decommissioned" and "decommissions" when used in connection with parts of the gas system, mean any parts of the gas system taken out of active use and purged in accordance with the applicable CSA standards and in no way affects the use of the term 'abandoned' pipeline for the purposes of the *Assessment Act*;
- (b) "Engineer/Road Superintendent" means the most senior individual employed by the Corporation with responsibilities for highways within the Municipality or the person designated by such senior employee or such other person as may from time to time be designated by the Council of the Corporation;

- (c) "gas" means natural gas, manufactured gas, synthetic natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or propane-air gas, or a mixture of any of them, but does not include a liquefied petroleum gas that is distributed by means other than a pipeline;
- (d) "gas system" means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
- (e) "highway" means all common and public highways and shall include any bridge, viaduct or structure forming part of a highway, and any public square, road allowance or walkway and shall include not only the travelled portion of such highway, but also ditches, driveways, sidewalks, and sodded areas forming part of the road allowance now or at any time during the term hereof under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (f) "Model Franchise Agreement" means the form of agreement which the Ontario Energy Board uses as a standard when considering applications under the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The Model Franchise Agreement may be changed from time to time by the Ontario Energy Board;
- (g) "Municipality" means the territorial limits of the Corporation on the date when this Agreement takes effect, and any territory which may thereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (h) "Plan" means the plan described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement required to be filed by the Gas Company with the Engineer/Road Superintendent prior to commencement of work on the gas system; and
- (i) whenever the singular, masculine or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine or masculine has been used where the context of the Agreement so requires.

## **Part II - Rights Granted**

### **2. To provide gas service**

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Municipality to the Corporation and to the inhabitants of the Municipality.

### **3. To Use Highways**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

### **4. Duration of Agreement and Renewal Procedures**

(a) If the Corporation has not previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law.

or

(b) If the Corporation has previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law provided that, if during the 20 year term of this Agreement, the Model Franchise Agreement is changed, then on the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of the passing of the By-law, this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to incorporate any changes in the Model Franchise Agreement in effect on such anniversary dates. Such deemed amendments shall not apply to alter the 20 year term.

(c) At any time within two years prior to the expiration of this Agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. Until such renewal has been settled, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue, notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement. This shall not preclude either party from applying to the Ontario Energy Board for a renewal of the Agreement pursuant to section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

### **Part III – Conditions**

#### **5. Approval of Construction**

- (a) The Gas Company shall not undertake any excavation, opening or work which will disturb or interfere with the surface of the travelled portion of any highway unless a permit therefor has first been obtained from the Engineer/Road Superintendent and all work done by the Gas Company shall be to his satisfaction.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, or any extensions or changes to it (except service laterals which do not interfere with municipal works in the highway), the Gas Company shall file with the Engineer/Road Superintendent a Plan, satisfactory to the Engineer/Road Superintendent, drawn to scale and of sufficient detail considering the complexity of the specific locations involved, showing the highways in which it proposes to lay its gas system and the particular parts thereof it proposes to occupy.
- (c) The Plan filed by the Gas Company shall include geodetic information for a particular location:
  - (i) where circumstances are complex, in order to facilitate known projects, including projects which are reasonably anticipated by the Engineer/Road Superintendent, or
  - (ii) when requested, where the Corporation has geodetic information for its own services and all others at the same location.
- (d) The Engineer/Road Superintendent may require sections of the gas system to be laid at greater depth than required by the latest CSA standard for gas pipeline systems to facilitate known projects or to correct known highway deficiencies.
- (e) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, the Engineer/Road Superintendent must approve the location of the work as shown on the Plan filed by the Gas Company, the timing of the work and any terms and conditions relating to the installation of the work.
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- (i) The Engineer/Road Superintendent's approval, where required throughout this Paragraph, shall not be unreasonably withheld.
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**7. Emergencies**

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The Corporation agrees, in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence, to give the Gas Company reasonable notice of such proposed sale or closing and, if it is feasible, to provide the Gas Company with easements over that part of the highway proposed to be sold or closed sufficient to allow the Gas Company to preserve any part of the gas system in its then existing location. In the event that such easements cannot be provided, the Corporation and the Gas Company shall share the cost of relocating or altering the gas system to facilitate continuity of gas service, as provided for in Paragraph 12 of this Agreement.

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- (a) If in the course of constructing, reconstructing, changing, altering or improving any highway or any municipal works, the Corporation deems that it is necessary to take up, remove or change the location of any part of the gas system, the Gas Company shall, upon notice to do so, remove and/or relocate within a reasonable period of time such part of the gas system to a location approved by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.
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- (iv) the cost to the Gas Company for materials used in connection with the project, and
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Per:

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Tim Bryson, Mayor

Per:

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Caitlin Haggart, Clerk Administrator

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

Per:

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Mark Kitchen, Director, Regulatory Affairs

Per:

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Nicole Lehto, Director, Northern Region Operations



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# Regulatory Information

Enbridge Gas is a regulated company through the Ontario Energy Board and Canada Energy Regulator. You can view all of our rate case information and evidence – as well as the evidence we filed in other regulatory proceedings. Please note that we have not posted any evidence that was confidential or that required a non-disclosure agreement.

FRANCHISES✓	OTHER REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS	RATE CASES AND QRAM
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EB-2023-0102 - Township of Strong

Application

Notice of Application

EB-2023-0103 - Municipality of East Ferris

Application

Notice of Application - English

Notice of Application - French

EB-2023-0105 - County of Lanark

Application

Notice of Application

EB-2022-0207 - County of Essex

EB-2022-0201 - Municipality of Leamington

This is Exhibit "B" to the Affidavit of Gary Collins sworn before me this 30th day of March 2023.

A Commissioner, etc.