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I strongly recommend that the OEB reject this application, for the more sustainable, less expensive options that currently exist in 2023 for rural properties. So much has changed since the Expansion of Natural Gas Act was passed in 2018 and Selwyn Township sent a Resolution (March, 2020) to participate in Phase two of Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion plan.

I had a heat pump for 25 years; until it outlasted its duration of time and I hooked up to natural gas that had become available. Now years later, having just purchased a new furnace 3 years ago, I am not eligible for the federal grant for the installation of an upgraded heat pump and a new furnace. However, despite this, I will be putting in a heat pump this spring at a cost of \$13,000 to myself. Why? - Because it is the future and we desperately need to get off or significantly reduce our use of natural gas; which produces methane, a potent climate warming substance. Very few people/experts oppose the fact that global warming is being caused by the burning of fossil fuels, resulting in high winds, derechos, tornados, fires and floods. We have a responsibility as one of the countries responsible for global warming to meet the targets set out by the United Nations' IPCC report this year. "Our world needs climate action on all fronts".

I complement those communities resisting the move to the expansion of natural gas pipelines; which not only increase the release of methane; but add to the cost of natural gas for all consumers.

I was heartened to learn that last year, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) rejected Enbridge's plan to replace its gas pipeline for Ottawa, because the plan conflicted with the city's plan to curb greenhouse gas emissions and the company's failure to show replacing the pipeline was necessary.

The same exists for the proposed pipeline expansion in Selwyn Township. I was one member of the team; who visited the homeowners and businesses along the proposed pipeline extension in Selwyn Township with information about heat pumps; which we felt residents had not been given. Without asking, most residents said they would not hook up to natural gas; as it was too expensive and they expressed appreciation for the information on heat pumps.

The OEB have the authority and responsibility, to reject this application and support municipalities in Ontario to achieve a more sustainable option for heating.

I complement the OEB on the achievements that you have already made and challenge you to do more.

Sincerely,

Beth Goodge
Bridgenorth resident, Selwyn Township