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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --
2023-04-19

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-- Name --
Joanne Tanaka

-- Comments --
The "letter of support" from the Town of Huntsville is stale- dated and may be questionable as a "letter of support."

Huntsville has changed since July 31, 2020 when the previous Council favoured the project. Huntsville has reiterated its goal of reducing greenhouse gases by 50 percent by 2030. There is now a new Environment and Climate Change Committee that has just begun its work. This is an important transition phase for the Town to develop policies and find tools to meet its goal.

Last month, a Town official, under specific instruction, informed me that the letter in question is Not a Letter of Support and that if Enbridge is presenting it as such "well that is on Enbridge" Further, the official went on to say that the application is only an ordinary construction project, not involving the Town and referred me to discuss concerns with the District of Muskoka.

With the time that has passed and transitional policy development, there seems to be confusion at the Town. The letter of support may be questionable.

As the Town seems to have this confusion about how the project will increase community dependence on natural gas and increase our GHG emissions working against their climate change initiatives, improved full communication with Huntsville is in the public interest.

It would be in public interest for Enbridge to have a community wide public open house about the Leave to Construct application, inviting new Council members and their committees. It would provide an opportunity for Enbridge to also provide information about the funding they help administer to assist homeowners increase energy efficiency and even conversion from oil to heat pumps. This would help the community and Enbridge to move towards their energy transition.

It would allow fuller information to Hidden Valley residents about how conversion to natural gas will impact their bills and explain the Expansion fee and how future rate increases may impact their costs, even beyond the rate stabilization period. Now that covid is less of an issue for people to gather indoors, there is an opportunity for fuller discussion, that is not afforded by a kiosk in a cold, windy parking lot.

Thanks for your attention.

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

-- Attachment --