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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

July 8th, 2016

Hon Kathleen O. Wynne, Premier
Room 281, Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

At the regular session of Beckwith Township Council held on July 5th, 2016,
Council adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Council on the recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee supports the Township of North Stormont's resolution regarding expanding natural gas services to all Eastern Ontario rural areas (attached).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at cmoyle@twp.beckwith.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Cynthia Moyle, CMO
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

c.c. Township of North Stormont
Ontario Energy Board
Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure
Minister of Energy
Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

3.2.3 The Township of North Stormont – support of resolution of proposal to expand natural gas services to all of Eastern Ontario rural areas



The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: April 12, 2016

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Resolution No. 609

MOVED BY:

Deputy Mayor Bill McGimpsey ☐
Councillor Jim Wert ☒
Councillor François Landry ☐
Councillor Randy Douglas ☐

SECONDED BY:

Deputy Mayor Bill McGimpsey ☐
Councillor Jim Wert ☐
Councillor François Landry ☐
Councillor Randy Douglas ☒

WHEREAS the OEB file **EB-2015-0179** (dated July 23, 2015) application and pre-filed evidence from Union Gas Limited is seeking approval of its proposed Community Expansion Program with intent to support the expansion of infrastructure necessary to provide natural gas to communities that would otherwise not receive natural gas service (Rural areas);

WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board issued a Notice for Public Hearing **EB-2016-004** (dated January 2016) regarding OEB's intent to review the following issues in May 2016:

1. Should the OEB implement new ratemaking mechanisms including changes to current economic tests to encourage utilities to expand natural gas distribution service to new communities? If so, what should these new mechanisms be?
2. Should the OEB consider imposing conditions or making other changes to Municipal Franchise Agreements and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to reduce barriers to natural gas expansion?
3. Does the OEB have the authority to require the ratepayers of one utility to subsidize the costs of another utility to expand into new communities? If so, under what circumstances (if any) would this be appropriate?

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus's letter of comment (dated April 6, 2016) regarding the Ontario Energy Board's Generic Proceeding EB-2016-004 with intent for the Warden Caucus to support the initial application from Union Gas (EB-2015-0179) and also similar entities that wish to expand natural gas service to rural and remote communities;

WHEREAS the Township of North Stormont has signed a 20 year Franchise Agreement with Enbridge and has attempted many communications with them to have natural gas service in the ~~west~~ ^{east} part of our Township without any responses or actions being taken by Enbridge;

Recorded Vote: **FOR** **AGAINST**

CARRIED: 10-0-0
Mayor

DEFEATED: _____
Mayor

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: _____

- ☐ Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
☐ Vacated His/Her/Their Seat
☐ Deferred

CAO/Clerk



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Part 2

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WHEREAS the West part of the Township of North Stormont is being served by Union Gas and that the separation is even made on the West side of a road (**serviced by Union Gas**) versus the East side of the same road (**unserved by Enbridge**);

WHEREAS the Township of North Stormont made representation with Union Gas to endeavor possible development of the natural gas services on the East side of the Township;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Township of North Stormont that the OEB examine the proposal to expand natural gas services and make it available to all of Eastern Ontario rural areas such as the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry and the United Counties of Prescott-Russell as it is vital to our Economic Development and to Business expansion and retention as well as the increase of employability in our sector.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT this resolution supports the letter of comment sent to the Ontario Energy Board by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipal and regional councils in Ontario requesting that they endorse and support this resolution and communicate their support to the Premier, the OEB and the Ministers of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Energy, and Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

Passed by the Council of the Township of North Stormont on April 12, 2016

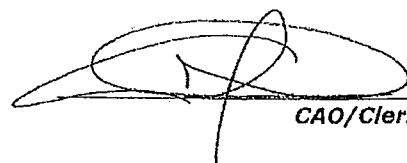
	FOR	AGAINST
Recorded Vote:	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

CARRIED: Dennis Rife
Mayor

DEFEATED: _____
Mayor

Declaration of Conflict of interest: _____

- ☐ Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
☐ Vacated His/Her/Their Seat
☐ Deferred


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