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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF  
LAURENTIAN HILLS

34465 HIGHWAY NO. 17, POINT ALEXANDER, R. R. # 1, DEEP RIVER, ONTARIO K0J 1P0

EB-2016-0004

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Young Street, 27<sup>th</sup> floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear: Ms. Walli:

By their resolution attached, the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does fully support the resolution in supporting Enbridge Gas Distribution regarding the review of mechanisms to recover costs of natural gas expansion in Ontario.

Yours truly,

Sherry Batten  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Encl.

cc : Hon. Kathleen Wynne, M.P.P.,  
Premier of Ontario  
Mr. John Yakabuski, M.P.P.  
Renfrew – Nipissing - Pembroke  
Mrs. Cheryl Gallant, M.P.,  
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke



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Moved by: Bruce Boucher

Resolution No. 122 -16

Seconded by: Ane Giardin

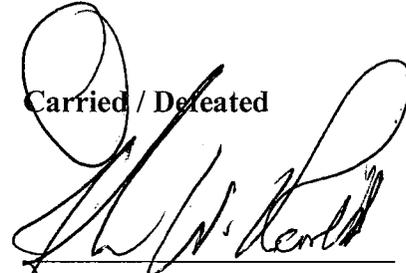
Date: 22 June, 2016

**Be it Hereby Resolved That:**

this Council recognizes the benefit of access to natural gas to the Town of Laurentian Hills, in attracting new industry and creating jobs, creating more affordable commercial transportation and agriculture options and offering lower energy prices to residents and employers; and

that this Council fully supports the efforts of Enbridge Gas Distribution before the Ontario Energy Board (#EB-2016-0004) where it seeks to address current regulatory rules and guidelines that limit Enbridge's ability to extend service to unserved communities in rural Ontario like the Town of Laurentian Hills.

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Mayor



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Enbridge  
500 Consumers Road  
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May 19, 2016

His Worship, Mayor John Reinwald  
Town of Laurentian Hills  
34465 Highway 17, RR#1  
Deep River, ON  
K0J 1P0

Dear Mayor,

**Re: Ontario Energy Board Application #EB-2016-0004 – Review of Mechanisms to Recover the Costs of Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario**

The purpose of my writing is to draw your attention to an important proceeding (EB-2016-0004) before the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) – one that it is expected to revise or permit specific exemptions from existing economic feasibility guidelines that govern natural gas expansion in Ontario.

Enbridge made a submission under EB-2016-0004 on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 which includes 39 potential expansion projects and a request for the changes deemed necessary to make these projects feasible. While there are no projects currently planned in your constituency, the changes requested by Enbridge will make all future expansion projects more feasible than under existing regulations, as well as lessen the burden on future individual customers to convert to natural gas.

Enbridge has proposed specific forms of regulatory flexibility and/or exemptions from current OEB guidelines, including

- An ongoing volumetric surcharge to collect capital contributions from new customers over time;
- An Incremental Tax Equivalent mechanism such that municipalities are able to contribute (for a ten year duration) toward the economic feasibility of a community expansion project; and
- A reduction in the economic feasibility threshold that a project must meet before Enbridge is able to proceed with the expansion.

It is our expectation that the OEB will decide on revised economic feasibility guidelines this fall. All of the materials, documents and evidence associated with the EB-2016-

0004 proceeding can be accessed through the OEB's website by searching under EB-2016-0004. ([www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice)).

Enbridge is a partner with the province of Ontario in meeting a lower carbon future. In an effort to help Ontario meet its climate change targets, conversion to natural gas from propane and home heating oil provides for a 20% and 25% greenhouse gas emissions reduction respectively. Today, natural gas is also 68% less expensive than electricity and 59% less expensive than home heating oil.

Enbridge is also working towards incorporating a renewable component to our supply – through injecting 'renewable natural gas' into our system to further help Ontarians reduce their emissions in a cost effective manner.

Should you feel it appropriate, we ask that you consider submitting a letter to the OEB and to your Member of Provincial Parliament in support of natural gas. Correspondence to the Board should be addressed to:

Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

E-MAIL: [boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca) and/or

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Please reference **#EB-2016-0004** as the subject matter of your correspondence. Do not hesitate to contact me at 416-758-7958 with any questions. I've enclosed a sample resolution for possible consideration by Council.

Sincerely,



Mark Wilson  
Sr. Advisor, Municipal Affairs

c. Sherry Batten