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May 31, 2016

Ontario Energy Board
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To whom it may concern

Please find enclosed a true certified copy of Resolution No. 13 of May 9th Council Meeting for your consideration.

Your support of this very important initiative is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Lise Lavigne
Deputy Clerk
Township of North Glengarry

**CORPORATION OF
THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

RESOLUTION # 13

DATE: May 9, 2016

MOVED BY: 

SECONDED BY: 

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?

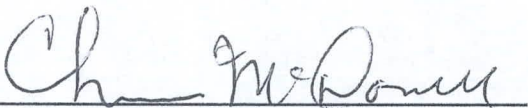
WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus's letter of comment dated (April 6, 2016) regarding the Ontario Energy Board's Generic Proceeding EB-2016-004 with intent for the Warden Caucus to support the initial application from Union Gas (EB-2015-0179) and also similar entities that wish to expand natural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

WHEREAS part of the Township of North Glengarry are not served by natural gas infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of North Glengarry 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.

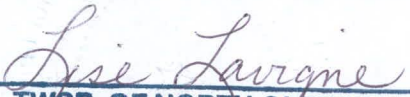
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Councillor: Jacques Massie
Councillor: Brian Caddell
Councillor: Jeff Manley
Councillor: Michel Depratto
Councillor: Carma Williams
Mayor: Chris McDonnell

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WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ALTERED IN ANY FORM**


TWSP. OF NORTH GLENGARRY

Lise Lavigne - Commissioner
by virtue of my office as
Deputy Clerk
Township of North Glengarry