

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has applied for leave to construct natural gas pipelines in the Municipality of Kincardine, the Township of Arran-Elderslie, the Municipality of Brockton and the Municipality of West Grey.

Learn more. Have your say.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for an order granting leave to construct natural gas pipelines and ancillary facilities in the Municipality of Kincardine, the Township of Arran-Elderslie, the Municipality of Brockton and the Municipality of West Grey. The pipelines consist of approximately 34.1 km of Nominal Pipe Size (NPS) 4-inch polyethylene (PE) natural gas distribution pipeline and approximately 46.5 km of NPS 2-inch PE natural gas distribution pipeline.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership states that the pipelines are needed to supply natural gas to approximately 423 customers in the community who currently do not have access to natural gas service.

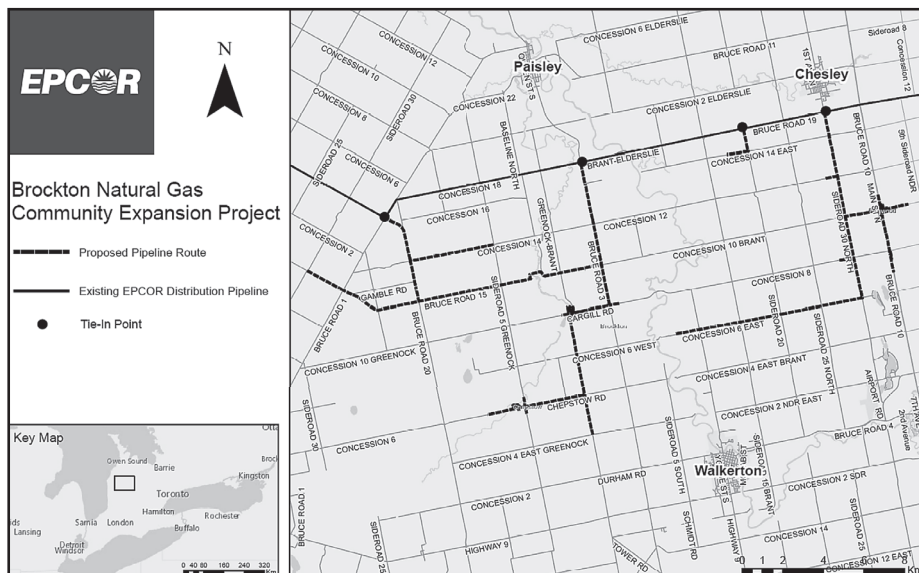
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership states that on June 9, 2021, the proposed project (also referred to as the Brockton Expansion Project), was approved to receive funding assistance under Phase 2 of the Government of Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership is also asking the Ontario Energy Board to approve the form of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership is also asking the Ontario Energy Board for approval of Franchise Agreements with the Municipality of Brockton, the Municipality of West Grey, and the Township of Chatsworth.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership intends to charge customers to be served by the proposed project the same rates that it charges its customers in Southern Bruce. EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership is also asking the Ontario Energy Board for approval to establish the Brockton Customer Volume Variance Account to capture revenue variances resulting from variances in forecasted and actual average use per customer.

A map of the proposed pipeline project is provided below.



THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider EPCOR's application. During the hearing we will question EPCOR on the case. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual consumers, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

As part of its review of this application, the OEB will assess EPCOR's compliance with the OEB's *Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario*.

The OEB will also assess whether the duty to consult with Indigenous Communities potentially affected by the proposed pipeline has been discharged with respect to the application.

More information on the types of issues that the OEB may consider are provided on the OEB's website in the form of a standard issues list: <https://www.oeb.ca/sites/default/files/issues-list-LTC-natural-gas.pdf>

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by EPCOR on the OEB's website now
- You can find information on the OEB's website at www.oeb.ca/participate
- You can find information on the duty to consult with Indigenous communities on the OEB's website at www.oeb.ca/industry/applications-oeb/consultation-indigenous-peoples
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor you can ask questions about EPCOR's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve EPCOR's request. Apply by **August 14, 2023** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2022-0246**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2022-0246** from the www.oeb.ca/noticeltc on the OEB website. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

TYPE OF HEARING

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, electronic, and written. EPCOR has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you have a preference with respect to the format of the hearing, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 14, 2023**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under Sections 36, 90(1) and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B and sections 8(1), 9(3) and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55.

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