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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --  
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-- Comments --

By resolution no. 23-164, passed at the meeting held on July 19th, 2023, Council for the Municipality of Mattice - Val Côté directed its CAO/Clerk to submit an objection, similar to the one made by the Town of Kapuskasing, with respect to Enbridge's application which could, if granted, result in additional one-time charges to residential customers.

Council agrees that Enbridge has to stop downloading its additional costs to residential customers, in Mattice - Val Côté and elsewhere in northern Ontario. Costs are continuously increasing and making it difficult for northern Ontario citizens that require and depend on natural gas for heating purposes, especially during the long and cold winter season. Contrary to southern Ontario, there is no better alternative or option to heat homes in our area. Costs for natural gas have more than doubled in the last year alone! Senior citizens are on fixed incomes and may have to leave their homes if they can no longer afford these rising costs! A better mechanism needs to be put in place to control rates and cost hikes that are being arbitrarily transferred onto residents during a time where inflation is having such an impact on the affordability of the cost of living. It is unfair for customers to absorb Enbridge's disposal of balances of certain deferral and variance accounts. Council is asking the OEB to give careful and responsible consideration when making a final decision on imposing additional charges to customers. Large corporate companies do not understand or have any compassion for the challenges northern Ontario residents face and for the differences that exist between the north and the south of this province. Current natural gas rates are highly inflated as it is... the EOB must put a stop to this.

-- Receive a copy of the decision? --  
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