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October 31, 2023

Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi,

**SUBJECT: EB 2022-0111 Bobcaygeon Community Expansion Project
(Bobcaygeon Project) – Abeyance of Proceeding**

I am writing today to express disappointment that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has placed this proceeding into abeyance as it reviews a motion by Environment Defence (EB-2023-0313).

On September 21, 2023, the OEB found three community expansion projects to be in the public interest and granted Enbridge Gas leave to construct: EB-2022-0156 Selwyn Community Expansion Project, EB-2022-0248 Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and Shannonville Community Expansion Project, and EB-2022-0249 Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project. An amended motion to review and vary was filed by Environment Defence in respect of these three projects on September 27. On October 11, the OEB communicated its adjournment decision for the Bobcaygeon Project.

City of Kawartha Lakes and surrounding area residents are missing out on the opportunity to choose cost-effective heating options for their homes and businesses, something that the Government of Ontario has committed to and identified as a priority. With this new delay, we are uncertain that our constituents will have access to natural gas in time for the 2024 heating season, leading to another winter of higher energy costs. This is inconsistent with the objective of the Bobcaygeon Project and the Government of Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program which is to help lower the cost of energy for families, businesses and farmers who are currently relying on higher priced energy sources and to provide them with an additional energy choice.

The Bobcaygeon Project was selected by the Ministry of Energy, along with 27 other expansion projects, to receive NGEF Phase 2 funding in June 2021. Since then, we have worked with Enbridge Gas as it prepared and submitted its Leave-to-Construct application, which was filed 17 months ago in May 2022. Every month and year that passes represents the loss of cost savings and a lack of choice for families and businesses in our community.

For your information, City Council passed the following resolution in 2017:

CR2017-567

Moved by Councillor Elmslie

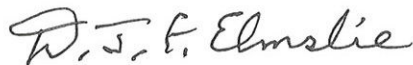
Seconded by Councillor Dunn

RESOLVED THAT the City of Kawartha Lakes supports natural gas expansion projects within the City;
THAT the City of Kawartha Lakes will contribute financially to natural gas expansion projects approved by the Ontario Energy Board and serving the communities of Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon at a cost not exceeding the municipal portion of the property tax that would be recovered on the new natural gas infrastructure being built to serve Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon for a period of 10 years, commencing when those property taxes first become due; and
THAT the Mayor be authorized to provide a letter in support of Enbridge Gas Distributor's applications to the Ontario Energy Board for natural gas expansion projects serving Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon.

For your further information, appended are two letters previously sent– dated April 21, 2020 and October 20, 2022, expressing CKL support for Natural Gas Expansion to Bobcaygeon.

I respectfully urge you to dismiss the motion filed by Environmental Defence and advance the review of the Bobcaygeon Project leave-to-construct application.

Sincerely,



Doug Elmslie
Mayor

CC: Laurie Scott, M.P.P., Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock (laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org)
Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy (Todd.Smithco@pc.ola.org)
David Donovan, Chief of Staff, Minister of Energy's Office (David.Donovan@pc.ola.org)
Judith Fernandes, Case Manager, Ontario Energy board (Judith.Fernandes@oeb.ca)
All Parties in EB-2022-0001

Letter dated April 21, 2020



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Letter dated October 20, 2022



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April 21, 2020

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Re: Expression of Support for Natural Gas Expansion to Bobcaygeon

In December 2019, the Government of Ontario announced plans to further increase access to natural gas by making financial support available for new service expansion projects. This Natural Gas Expansion Support Program will unlock financial support needed to expand natural gas service to new areas across Ontario that are not economically feasible without support. The City of Kawartha Lakes is one such area, and we are eager to bring this affordable, reliable fuel source to more residents and businesses.

On behalf of City of Kawartha Lakes, I would like to formally support the inclusion of Bobcaygeon on Enbridge Gas' list of projects being proposed to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for consideration for financial support through the Natural Gas Expansion Support Program.

Based on the Guidelines issued by the OEB (EB-2019-0255) on March 5th, 2020, we are aware that Enbridge Gas may include support for the proposed project from local government, demonstrated through a written expression of support in its project submissions.

Natural gas is the most common, affordable heating fuel in Ontario. The City of Kawartha Lakes supports the efforts of Enbridge Gas, the OEB and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines. We look forward to working together to expand natural gas access in our community to attract new opportunities, help create jobs and lower monthly costs for more residents and business owners.

Sincerely,

Andy Letham
Mayor Kawartha Lakes



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October 20, 2022

Ms. Fazari, Senior Advisor
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Dear Ms. Fazari,

Re: Expression of Support for Bobcaygeon Community Expansion Project in City of Kawartha Lakes

Enbridge Gas has prepared and submitted a Leave-to-Construct (LTC) application to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for the Bobcaygeon Community Expansion Project.

This project will provide natural gas access to nearly 4,000 forecasted customers in our community over 10 years, which will give area residents a reliable, affordable option for their energy needs.

Please be advised that the City of Kawartha Lakes Council, in 2017, passed a support resolution for natural gas expansion projects within the City, with priority for projects serving Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon. Natural Gas has since been expanded into Fenelon Falls, and we look forward to future expanded service into Bobcaygeon.

Please accept this letter as confirmation of City support for the Bobcaygeon Community Expansion Project, and anticipate it will be included in Enbridge's submission files.

We look forward to working together on this project.

Sincerely,

Ron Taylor
CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes