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**RE: EPCOR Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Development in Brockton**

The Municipality of Brockton is pleased to provide this letter of support to EPCOR with regards to its continued plan to extend natural gas service to the various businesses, agricultural properties and residents in the natural gas deprived area of our Municipality.

This letter is confirmation that the Municipality is aware that EPCOR is hoping to construct Phase 2 of the Natural Gas Expansion Project into Brockton to serve the rural area and hamlets in Brockton with natural gas. This expansion project will provide natural gas benefits not only to Brockton's residential and commercial properties, but most importantly to our agricultural producers, who are already supplementing electricity demands with alternative, more expensive, sources.

The Municipality of Brockton Council enacted By-Law 2018-074 authorizing a Municipal Franchise Agreement with EPCOR, and further enacted By-Law 2023-026 to amend the Model Franchise Agreement with EPCOR on March 7, 2023. We feel this will serve with respect to the transmission and distribution of natural gas in the Municipality of Brockton. The agreements align with the continued development and operations effort going forward to advance this natural gas project.

We appreciate all the work EPCOR has invested on this initiative over the past few years to make this expansion possible, and remain very enthusiastic about this project. On behalf of Council, we are convinced natural gas will boost the economic viability of the Municipality and it will ensure our rural businesses remain competitive with those in neighboring communities who have access to natural gas services as well as provide additional support our agricultural properties. Our Council has continued to support this project, including it as a priority within our 2022-2026 Strategic Action Plan. We know that this project will support Brockton's vibrant and thriving agricultural sector.

Sincerely,

Chris Peabody, Mayor  
On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Brockton