Appendix B3

Agency Correspondence



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May 7, 2007

Mr. David P. Wesenger Senior Project Manager Stantec Consulting Limited 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, Ontario N1G 3M5

Dear Mr. Wesenger:

I would like to thank you very much for providing me with notice of the public information session regarding your proposed pipeline project involving Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. - Natural Gas Pipeline and Gate Station to serve the Northland Power Plant in Thorold.

Unfortunately, because of previous commitments, I will be unable to attend the information session on Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

Should you be providing any printed material to participants that you believe will be of interest and assistance to me, please do not hesitate to forward this to my constituency office.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Bradley, MPP St. Catharines

May 11, 2007

Vour tille Votre référence
160960284
our fille Notre référence
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David Wesenger, B.E.S. Senior Project Manager Stantec Consulting Ltd. 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, ON N1G 3M5

Dear Mr. Wesenger:

RE: Notice of EA Commencement: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. – Natural Gas Pipeline and Gate Station to Serve the Northland Power Plant

This letter is in response to your letter of May 4 2007 addressed to Shawn Green regarding the above project.

For all provincial and/or municipal undertakings, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada requests that the proponent of such projects make efforts directly from the initiation of a project to identify and notify all potentially interested First Nation communities and other Aboriginal groups. It is recommended that this identification and notification occur at the earliest planning stages of the undertaking and if requested by any group(s), maintain communication with such groups. To assist with identifying First Nations and other Aboriginal groups within the vicinity of a specific proposed project, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada can provide the following information sources:

- The Chiefs of Ontario website (http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org) provides a directory of contact information for all First Nations and Chiefs, as well as a map of the locations of all Ontario First Nations.
- Natural Resources Canada produced provincial maps, showing all First Nation reserve lands, are available for purchase at: http://cccm.nrcan.gc.ca/english/canada lands index e.asp
- Natural Resources Canada's online Historical Indian Treaties map, showing historical First Nation treaties across Canada, is available at: http://atlas.nrcan.gc.ca/site/english/maps/historical/indiantreaties/historicaltreaties



- A search by place name at the Canadian Geographical Names database (http://geonames.nrcan.gc.ca/search/search_e.php) will generate a map which shows any nearby Indian reserve lands in grey.
- The Métis Nation of Ontario (http://www.metisnation.org/) may be able to provide information regarding Métis interests with respect to a particular project.
- The Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres website provides a list of all friendship centres in Ontario, at: http://www.ofifc.org/Centres/OfficeList.asp?Region='ON'
- For enquiries regarding land claims in Ontario, please contact the Director General of the Comprehensive Claims Branch at (819) 994-7521, the Director General of Specific Claims Branch at (819) 994-2323 and the Director General of Litigation Management and Resolution Branch at (819) 997-3582.

If, however, the proponent believes that the proposed project is likely to also trigger a requirement for a federal environmental assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), we advise that the proponent contact the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency early in the planning process, and provide a project description to them. The Agency will notify federal agencies, including INAC, of the proposed project as appropriate, in accordance with the requirements of the *Regulations Respecting the Coordination by Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements*. INAC will, in turn, provide input to the Agency regarding our interest in the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Miranda Lesperance
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May 11, 2007

To Mr. D.P. Wesenger,

RE: ORC Initial Comments on the Notice of EA Commencement – Enbridge Gas
Distribution Inc. – Natural Gas Pipeline and Gate Station to Serve the Northland
Power Plant

Thank you for circulating Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) on your notice of commencement. The ORC is the strategic manager of the government's real property with a mandate of maintaining and optimizing value of the portfolio, while ensuring real estate decisions reflect public policy objectives of the government.

Our preliminary review of your notice and supporting information indicates that the <u>Niagara Detention Centre</u> is in the study area. As a result, your proposal may have the potential to impact these lands and/or the activities of tenants present on ORC managed lands. Attached please find a map that identifies this property to assist you in identifying and avoiding potential impacts.

Potential Negative Impacts to ORC Tenants and Lands

General Impacts

Negative environmental impacts associated with the project design and construction, such as the potential for dewatering, dust, noise and vibration impacts, and impacts to natural heritage features/habitat and functions, should be avoided and/or appropriately mitigated in accordance with applicable regulations best practices and MNR and MOE standards. Avoidance and mitigation options that characterize baseline conditions and quantify the potential impacts should be present as part of the EA project file. Details of appropriate mitigation, contingency plans and triggers for implementing contingency plans should also be present.

Impacts to Land holdings

Negative impacts to land holdings, such as the taking of developable parcels of ORC managed land or fragmentation of utility or transportation corridors, should be avoided. If the potential for such impacts is present as part of this undertaking, you should contact the undersigned to discuss these issues at the earliest possible stage of your study.

If takings are suggested as part of any alternative these should be appropriately mapped and quantified within EA report documentation. In addition, details of appropriate mitigation and or next steps related to compensation for any required takings should be present. ORC requests circulation of the draft EA report prior to finalization if potential impacts to ORC managed lands are present as part of this study.

Cultural Heritage Issues

If proposed alternatives may impact cultural heritage features on ORC managed lands, we would request that the examination of cultural heritage features be enhanced to include issues such as cultural landscapes, archaeology and places of sacred and secular value.

Potential Triggers Related to ORC's Class EA

The ORC Class Environmental Assessment (ORC Class EA) applies to a range of realty and planning activities including leasing or letting, planning approvals, selling, demolition and property maintenance/repair. For details on the ORC Class EA please visit the Environment and Heritage page of our website found at http://www.orc.on.ca/Page133.aspx. If the ORC Class EA is triggered consideration should be given to explicitly referring to the ORC's undertaking in your EA study.

The purchase of ORC lands or disposal of rights and responsibilities (e.g. easement) for ORC lands triggers the ORC's Class EA. If any of these are being proposed as part of any alteratrive, please contact the Sales and Marketing Group through ORC's main line (Phone: 416-327-3937, Toll Free: 1-877-863-9672) at your earliest convenience to discuss next steps.

The undertaking of physical work on ORC lands triggers the ORC Class EA. If any work is proposed on ORC lands, please contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience to discuss next steps.

Concluding Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to provide initial comments on this undertaking. If you have any questions on the above I can be reached at 613-530-4512 or by email at joanna.brown@orc.gov.on.ea.

Sincerely,

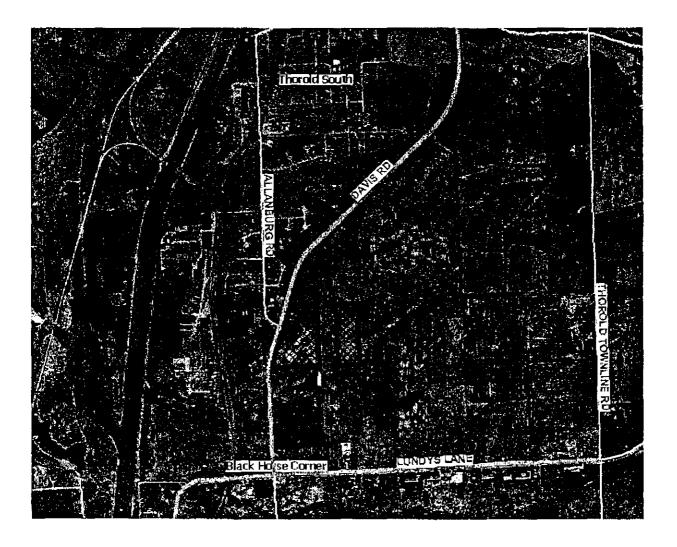
Joanna Brown, BScH, MES

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Environmental Assessment Facilitator
Portfolio Strategy and Asset Management Department

Ontario Realty Corporation

Appendix 1: Location of the Niagara Detention Centre





Office of the City Clerk



May 18, 2007

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Stantec Consulting Ltd. 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, Ontario N1G 3M5

Attention:

David P. Wesenger, Senior Project Manager

Dear Mr. Wesenger:

Re: Notice of Environmental Assessment Commencement:

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. -

Natural Gas Pipeline and Gate Station to Serve the Northland Power Plant

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its May 15, 2007 meeting, received for information your correspondence with respect to the above noted subject.

Yours truly,

Susan Daniels, AMCT Deputy City Clerk

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M. Weir, Chief Administrative Officer

J.K. Bice, City Clerk

A. Arbour, Director of Planning and Building Services

From: Wesenger, David

Sent: Monday, May 28, 2007 10:32 AM

To: Adamson, Melanie

Subject: FW: Notice of Environmental Assessment Commencement: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. -

Natural Gas Pipeline and Gate Station to Serve the Northland Power Plan

Sensitivity: Confidential

----Original Message----

From: Dykstra, Rick - Riding 1 [mailto:DykstR1@parl.gc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 4:37 PM

To: Wesenger, David

Subject: Notice of Environmental Assessment Commencement: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. -

Natural Gas Pipeline and Gate Station to Serve the Northland Power Plan

Sensitivity: Confidential

David P. Wesenger Senior Project Manager Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Reference File: 160960284

Thanks for your letter regarding the Public Information Session. Our office didn't have any immediate concerns regarding this assessment, and haven't received any calls on the matter from Constituents. I am following up with you to see what the results of the public meeting were, and whether there are any outstanding issues arising that Mr. Dykstra should be aware of.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Best Regards,

David Schulz Special Assistant - Information Services, Municipal and Regional Affairs Liaison Rick Dykstra M.P. 905-934-6767 dave@rickdykstra.ca

From: Wesenger, David

Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 1:01 PM

To: Adamson, Melanie

Subject: Fw: Endridge Gas Pipeline and Gate Station, Northland Power Plant, Thorold

---- Original Message -----

From: Stone, Mike (MNR) <mike.stone@ontario.ca>

To: Wesenger, David

Cc: Durst, Joad (MNR) <joad.durst@ontario.ca>; Yagi, Anne (MNR) <anne.yagi@ontario.ca>

Sent: Fri Jun 01 13:35:22 2007

Subject: Endridge Gas Pipeline and Gate Station, Northland Power Plant, Thorold

Dear Mr. Wesenger,

Thank you for providing the Ministry's Niagara Area Office with the Notice of Commencement for the above study. The Ministry has reviewed the proposal and study area and offers the following information and comments for your consideration at this early stage in the process.

For your information, the Ministry has identified Type 2 fish habitat within the study area. The Welland Canal, which is adjacent to the study area, is classified as Type 3 fish habitat.

The Ministry notes there are wooded areas within the study area. At least two of these are approximately 10ha in size. The Ministry suggests it would be appropriate to complete flora/fauna surveys if vegetation clearing will be required as part of this project. Site-level assessment can help determine if there are significant natural heritage features/values present, and which should be considered in the assessment of impacts.

Future correspondence concerning this project may be directed to the attention of the undersigned.

Kind Regards,

Mike Stone

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Mike Stone

District Planner

Ministry of Natural Resources

Guelph District

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Stantec Consulting Inc. 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, Ontario N1G 3M5

Attention:

David Wesenger, Senior Project Manager

Dear Mr. Wesenger:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. - Natural Gas Pipeline to Serve the Northland Power Plant

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its June 19, 2007 meeting, referred your correspondence on the above noted subject to Tom Doherty, Director of Operations and Adele Arbour, Director of Planning and Building Services.

For further information regarding the status of this matter please contact Mr. Doherty at (905) 227-3521 or Ms. Arbour at (905) 227-6613, ext. 245.

Yours truly,

Susan Daniels, AMC

Deputy City Clerk

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M. Weir, Chief Administrative Officer

J.K. Bice, City Clerk

T. Doherty, Director of Operations

A. Arbour, Director of Planning and Building Services



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July 3, 2007

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Stantec Consulting Ltd. 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, ON N1G 3M5

Attention: Mr. David P. Wesenger, B.E.S., Senior Project Manager

Senior Project Manag

Dear Sir:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Natural Gas Pipeline to serve
Northland Power Plant

In response to your letter of June 14, 2007 regarding the above captioned project, please be advised that the City of Thorold has supported and encouraged the Northland Cogeneration Power Plant as a means to provide a new clean energy sources, since its inception.

We are currently reviewing a residential development proposal in the area between Hwy. 58 (to the west) Townline Road (to the east) Hwy #20 - Lundy's Lane (to the south) and Beaverdams Road (to the north) as shown on the attached map.

The development area is known as "The Neighbourhood of Rolling Meadows" and is expected to accommodate approximately 2,600 residential units.

The Operations Department would have no any objection to the proposed alignment of the preliminary preferred route, however, we will require more detailed plans with respect to sections that may be utilizing the municipal road allowance.

The City of Thorold Planning Department will be providing their comments in due course.

Should you require anything further, please advise.

Yours very truly,

TD:am Attach.

Tom Doherty, C.E.T., Director of Operations

c.c. Mayor & Members of Council ('C' Item)

A. Arbour, City Planner

Operations Department - Location - 1543 Beaverdams Road, Thorold, Ontario L2V 3Y7
Public Works; 905-227-3521 Engineering; 905-227-3535 Fax: 905-227-3666

email: pubworks@thorold.com

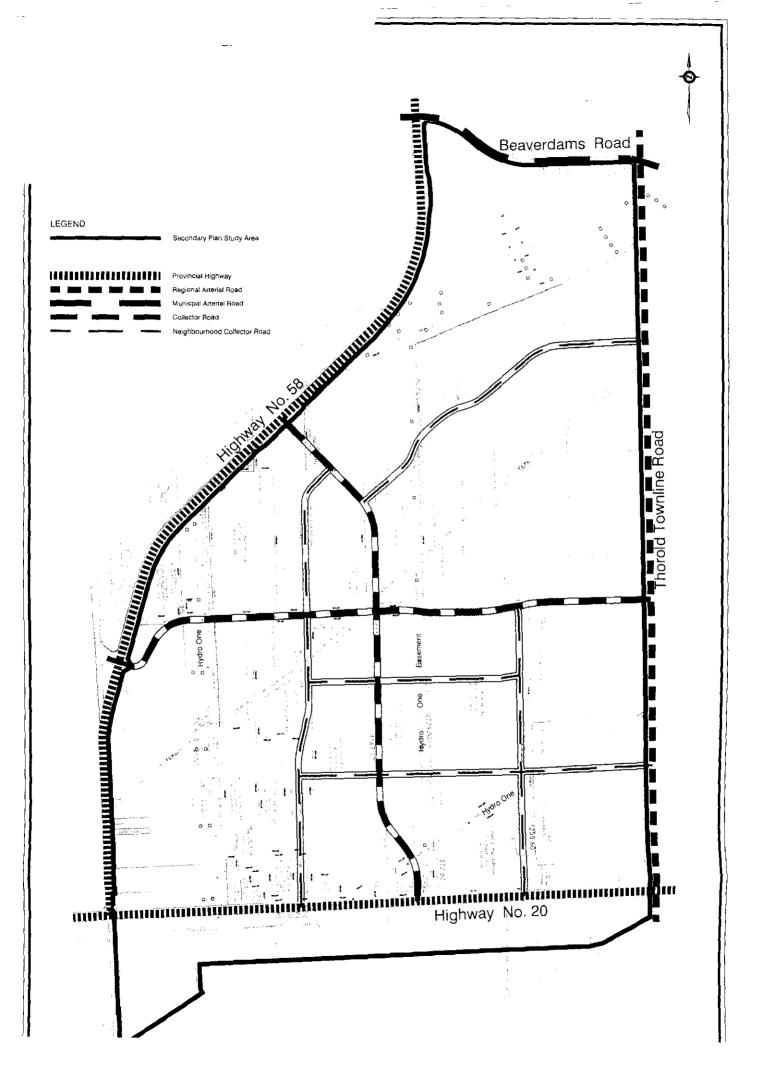
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July 9, 2007

Mr. David P. Wesenger, B.E.S. Stantec Consulting Ltd. 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, ON N1G 3M5

Dear Mr. Wesenger:

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. - Natural Gas Pipeline for Northland Power Plant

With regard to your request for comments about the proposed Preliminary Preferred route for the pipeline, it appears the alignment is on the west side of Thorold Townline Road and therefore outside the municipal boundaries of Niagara Falls. Accordingly, the City of Niagara Falls has no comments from a land use planning perspective.

Please note that the lands on the east side of Thorold Townline Road are designated Good General Agriculture and Environmental Protection Area according to the Niagara Falls Official Plan and zoned Agricultural (A) and Hazard Land (HL) in Zoning By-law No. 79-200.

Please continue to advise the City of the progress of this project.

Yours truly,

Alex Herlovitch

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Deputy Director of Planning and Development

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Working Together to Serve Our Community

Community Services Department Planning & Development Ext 4231 Fax 905-356-2354 aherlovitch@niagarafalls.ca

From: Wesenger, David

Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2007 3:46 PM

To: Adamson, Melanie

Subject: FW: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Natural Gas Pipeline

Attachments: TORONTO-#164961-v1-

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----Original Message----

From: Miranda Lesperance [mailto:lesperancem@inac-ainc.gc.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2007 3:04 PM

To: Wesenger, David

Subject: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Natural Gas Pipeline

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your letter of June 12, 2007 addressed to Shawn Green regarding the Enbridge Gas distribution Inc. - Natural Gas Pipeline to Serve the Northland Power Plant.

Although the Preliminary Preferred Route has been selected, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's position has not changed. Therefore, I am attaching a copy of our original response dated May 11, 2007 for your reference.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional comments.

Sincerely,

Miranda Lesperance Environment Officer Environment Unit INAC - Ontario Region 25 St. Clair Ave E 8th Floor Toronto, ON M4T 1M2 Phone (416) 973-5899 Fax (416) 954-4328

From: Wesenger, David

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2007 8:45 AM

To: Adamson, Melanie

Subject: Fw: ER

---- Original Message -----

From: Eckhart-Oettinger, Donna <donna.eckhart-oettinger@regional.niagara.on.ca>

To: Wesenger, David

Sent: Thu Jul 12 06:37:56 2007

Subject: ER

Dear Mr. Wesenger:

We have received your correspondence addressed to Regional Chairman Peter Partington regarding the ER on the natural gas pipeline to serve the Northland power plant.

We are currently collecting information and anticipate responding on Monday, July 16.

Donna Eckhart-Oettinger

Administrative Assistant to the Director

Waste Management Services

Public Works Department

The Regional Municipality of Niagara

2201 St. David's Road

Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

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From: Adamson, Melanie

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2007 4:32 PM

To: 'Jonathan Allen' Subject: Information Request

Attachments: 60960284_07.pdf

Hello Jonathan,

I received a letter from Miranda Lesperance from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada indicating that I should contact INAC's Litigation Management and Resolutions Branch for further information relating to First Nations Claims within this Study Area.

Please find attached a map showing the location of the Study Area within Thorold South, County of Niagara, Ontario.

A response by July 24, 2007 would be greatly appreciated.



Thank you, Melanie.

Melanie Adamson, B.Sc., CEPIT

Environmental Scientist Stantec

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From: Adamson, Melanie

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2007 3:42 PM
To: 'moringa@ainc-inac.gc.ca'
Subject: Information Request

Attachments: 60960284_07.pdf

Hello Guy,

I received a letter from Miranda Lesperance from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada indicating that I should contact INAC's Comprehensive Claims Branch for further information relating to First Nations Claims within this Study Area.

Please find attached a map showing the location of the Study Area within Thorold South (just south of St. Catharines), County of Niagara, Ontario.

A response by July 24, 2007 would be greatly appreciated.



Thank you, Melanie.

Melanie Adamson, B.Sc., CEPIT

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From: Adamson, Melanie

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 4:51 PM

To: 'Don Boswell'
Subject: Information Request

Attachments: 60960284 07.pdf

Hello Don,

I received a letter from Miranda Lesperance from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada indicating that I should contact INAC's Specific Claims Branch for further information relating to First Nations Claims within this Study Area.

Please find attached a map showing the location of the Study Area within Thorold South, County of Niagara, Ontario.

A response by July 26, 2007 would be greatly appreciated.



(3 MB) Thank you,

Melanie.

Melanie Adamson, B.Sc., CEPIT Environmental Scientist Stantec

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From: Don Boswell [boswelld@ainc-inac.gc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2007 11:26 AM

To: Adamson, Melanie Subject: Re: Information Request

Melanie Adamson, B. Sc., CEPIT Environment Scientist Stantec 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, ON N1G 3M5

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Proposed Northland Pipeline

Dear Ms. Adamson:

I am responding to your e-mail of July 17, 2007 inquiring as to whether there were any First Nation land claims in the area of the above project, more particularly in the area of Throld South, County of Niagara, Ontario.

We have conducted a search of our records and determined that no specific claims have been submitted in the area of interest. Although no specific claims affecting the indicated property have been filed to date, we cannot make any representations regarding potential or future claims.

Please rest assured that it is the policy of the Government of Canada as expressed in Outstanding Business: A Native Claims Policy that "In any settlement of specific native claims the government will take third party interests into account. As a general rule, the government will not accept any settlement which will lead to third parties being dispossessed."

We can only speak directly to claims filed under the Specific Claims Policy for the Province of Ontario. We cannot make any comments regarding potential or future claims, or claims filed under other departmental policies. This includes claims under Canada's Comprehensive Claims Policy or legal action by the First Nation against the Crown. You will have to contact the Comprehensive Claims Branch at (819) 994-7521 or the Litigation Management and Resolution Branch at (819) 934-2185 directly for more information.

Specific Claims has developed a "Public Information Status Report" on all claims which have been submitted to date. This information is available to the public on the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada website and can be found at http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/clm/pis e.html

It should be noted that the reports available on the Indian and Northern Affairs website are updated quarterly and therefore, you may want to check this site at regular intervals for updates. In accordance with legislative requirements, confidential information has not been disclosed.

To the best of our knowledge, the information we have provided you is current and up-to-date. However, this information may not be exhaustive with regard to your needs and you may wish to consider seeking information from other government and private sources (including Aboriginal groups). In addition, please note that Canada does not act as a representative for any Aboriginal group for the purpose of any claim or the purpose of consultation.

I hope this information will assist you in any further queries. I trust that this satisfactorily addresses your concerns. If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact me at (819) 953-1940.

Yours sincerely,

Don Boswell A/Senior Claims Analyst Ontario Research Team Specific Claims Branch 1-819-953-1940

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> within Thorold South, County of Niagara, Ontario.
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> Melanie.
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Ms. Melanie Adamson Environmental Scientist Stantec 361 Southgate Drive GUELPH ON N1G 3M5

RE: Information Request

Dear Ms. Adamson,

I am responding to your request for information sent to the Comprehensive Claims Branch, by email, on July 13, 2007.

We can confirm that there are no comprehensive claims in Thorold South, County of Niagara, Ontario. We cannot make any comments regarding potential or future claims, or claims filed under other departmental policies. This includes claims under Canada's Specific Claims Policy or legal action by the First Nation against the Crown. For more information, I suggest you contact the Director General of Specific Claims Branch at (819) 994-2323 and the Director General of Litigation Management and Resolution Branch at (819) 997-3582.

INAC- Comprehensive Claims Branch does not have any specific interest in the project and would request to be taken out of the mailing list.

Yours truly,

Jean-François Tardif, Director for Lynn Bernard, Director General Comprehensive Claims Branch

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and private sources (including Aboriginal groups) should be sought, to ensure that the information you have is accurate and complete.						

From: Jonathan Allen [AllenJO@ainc-inac.gc.ca]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:23 PM

To: Adamson, Melanie
Cc: Leah Lloyd

Subject: Re: Information Request

Ms. Adamson,

I am writing in response to your e-mail of July 12, 2007, regarding the area of Thorold South, County of Niagara.

We can advise that our inventory does not include active litigation in the vicinity of this property. Please note that we are unable to make any representations regarding potential or future claims.

We cannot make any comments regarding claims filed under other departmental policies. For information on any claims you should also contact Luc Lavigne of the Specific Claims Branch at (819) 953-2228 to inquire about any Specific Claims, and Guy Morin of the Comprehensive Claims Branch at (819) 956-0325 to inquire about any current Comprehensive Claims.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (819)956-3181.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Allen A/Litigation Team Leader Litigation Portfolio Operations East Litigation Management and Resolution Branch

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Information from other government sources and private sources (including Aboriginal groups) should be sought, to ensure that the information you have is accurate and complete.

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From: Adamson, Melanie

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 2:38 PM **To:** 'jbradley.mpp@liberal.ola.org'

Subject: Northland Pipeline Project: An Enbridge Gas Distribution Pipeline Project

Attachments: 60960284_NL_01_May2007.pdf; 60960284_NL_02_June2007.pdf

Greetings,

This email is in response to comments that you provided for the Northland Pipeline Project: An Enbridge Gas Distribution Pipeline Project in a letter dated May 7, 2007. In this letter you indicated that you would not be able to attend the Public Information Session, but that any printed material provided to the public could be forwarded on to you. Please find attached the two newsletters that were made available to attendees to the First and Second Public Information Sessions for this project.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Kind Regards, Melanie.





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July 31, 2007

Dear David Schulz:

Reference: Northland Pipeline Project: An Enbridge Gas Distribution Pipeline Project

Thank you for your interest in the Northland Pipeline Project: An Enbridge Gas Distribution Pipeline Project. This letter is in regards to the email you sent us on May 24, 2007 indicating that your office did not have any immediate concerns regarding our Environmental Report and that you had not received any calls from your Constituents. You had requested for the results of this public meeting and whether there were any outstanding issues that arose that Mr. Dykstra should be made aware of.

Questions and comments discussed with members of the First Public Information Session regarding the pipeline were mainly related to the proposed timing of the project and location of the Preliminary Preferred Route. A representative from Rolling Meadows Developments was in attendance. He updated Enbridge and Stantec on details of a proposed development within the Study Area. This development consists of residential, industrial and commercial land uses and includes the construction of a golf course, and a village centre. Subsequently, the land use mapping presented at the First Public Information Session was updated to include the land use mapping outlined in the Rolling Meadows proposal and was presented at the Second Public Information Session.

There were no issues presented by the public that Mr. Dykstra should be aware of.

For more information relating to the Project, please contact me using the information found below.

Sincerely,

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Guelph District

August 3, 2007

Mr. David P Wesenger Stantec Consulting Ltd. 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, ON N1G 3M5

Dear Mr. Wesenger:

Re: Request for Natural Heritage Features and Species at Risk information Natural Gas Pipeline to Serve the Northland Power Plant, Thorold ON

Staff of the Niagara area office have had the opportunity to review the above noted information request for natural heritage features located within or in the vicinity of the subject property. The following comments have been provided for the Scoped Environmental Impact Study you are conducting:

- Beaverdams Creek and its tributaries flow directly through the subject property and is identified as having Type 2 Fish Habitat. Shriners Creek and Ten Mile Creek are located north of the property and identified as having Type 2 Fish Habitat. Additional fisheries information is available for review at the MNR office upon appointment.
- The Welland Canal Turn Basins are identified as Provincially Significant Wetlands and are located along the northern boundary of the property along Shriners Creek and directly on the northeast portion of the property along Beaverdams Creek. Lake Gibson and Moodie Wetlands are found adjacent to the property, west of the Welland Shipping Canal.
- There are areas located adjacent to and directly on the subject property identified as woodlot and deer wintering areas.
- There are areas identified as Aggregate Extraction Areas and Escarpment Rural north of the subject property.
- This ministry has records of rare or threatened species adjacent to and directly on the subject property. The following table is a summarization of the Species at Risk which are within one kilometer of the proposed work area:

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Common Name	Provincial/Sub national Rank (S1,S2,or S3)	MNR Rank	COSEWIC	Date	Ассигасу
Grey Fox	SZB?	THR	THR	Historical	1km
Longleaf Dropseed	S1S2	_	-	1995	1km
Milksnake	S3	SC	SC	Historical	10km
Southern Tickseed	S2	_	-	-	1km

As noted, the proposed development has areas identified as woodlot and provincially significant wetland. In an effort to ascertain potential environmental impacts, inventories and site level assessments are recommended to determine the presence of sensitive species.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Martine Esraelian at (905) 562-8253.

Yours truly,

Joad Durst

Niagara Area Supervisor



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
Ontario Environmental Assessment Act
Fax Back Form

Date: September 6, 2007

David P. Wesenger Senior Project Manger (519) 836 2493

Re:

Notice of Second Public Information Session: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. – Natural Gas Pipeline to Serve the Notherland Power Plant

We are in receipt of documentation produced under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for our review and comment. Please accept this letter as a response to your invitation and not an act of consultation. We cannot and do not consider this response letter to be consultation as we are not mandated to consult on behalf of our member nations. Our involvement as a representative for the First Nations occurs when invited by one of our member First Nations to do so. Consultation should always occur with the First Nation(s) specifically impacted.

As an association, we understand that your role in the environmental assessment process is primarily technical and that our concerns, which are Aboriginal rights, socio-economic and indigenous knowledge-based, are to fit within established scientific, technological and policy frameworks established by the Province of Ontario. We are of the view that this framework is invalid as it has been developed without input or consultation with First Nations.

Our organization receives no federal or provincial funding in helping to facilitate a mutual understanding of environmental concerns between proponents and our member First Nations. Based on this lack of understanding, funding and resources, we are only able to state that we do have member First Nations whose traditional hunting and gathering areas may be affected by this project.

Our organization and Member Nations are usually open to participating in sustainable planning processes. However, the current federal and provincial practices in this policy area are left to the goodwill of proponents, in terms of collaborating with First Nations, and in identifying potential First Nation issues and incorporating these into the overall planning processes.

Aboriginal people are listed as "stakeholders" in environmental assessment processes, however this is only partially correct. First Nations people have collective constitutional rights, including land rights, hunting, gathering and fishing rights. The practice and recognition of these rights in southern and central Ontario is an outstanding issue between the provincial and federal governments and our member Nations. Therefore, in proposed land use situations, First Nations can seek legal remedies before the courts, including legal injunctions and other judicial intervention.

Our comments on documents produced under the current Environmental Assessment Act are as follows:

• It is our experience that when First Nations are approached respectfully and referenced in an appropriate way, that this overall approach tends to lead to more positive dialogue.

- We currently do not have the capacity to address the methodology developed for the site selection criteria and technological alternatives, at this particular time. The Proponent should use discretion in considering the selection of a site and technology that may interfere with the exercise of First Nations rights, including treaty and rights to access to wild game, water, plants, fish and ceremonial areas etc. Consideration should be put towards treaty boundary lines, real and potential land claims, and First Nations communities in the surrounding area.
- While the provincial EA legislation and EA practice may put the onus on the Proponent to consult
 First Nations, federal and provincial Crowns do have a constitutional obligation to uphold the rights
 of First Nations, and a duty to consult. The provincial and federal governments may not be
 forthcoming regarding this duty, as this duty currently exists in common law and is not reflected in
 Ontario EA legislation; which needs to be updated.
- As a safeguard, we suggest that First Nations be directly involved in the development and application of the Terms of Reference to accommodate for any potential First Nation intervention or interests. This approach would be ideal for addressing any First Nation issues that may arise. For example, where there may be archaeological discoveries at a site, First Nations customs vary and the Proponent should be ready to address that situation with the appropriate First Nations, in an innovative or other culturally appropriate manner.
- Based on archeological finds, it may be necessary to consult with other First Nations that have not been presently identified by the Ministry of the Environment or the Ontario Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat. First Nations that currently reside in the Province of Quebec may also have an interest in projects located in Ontario.

We thank you for taking the time to contact our organization and regret that we are not able to provide you with more assistance. If you have further questions or concerns please contact our office by phone (519) 434-2761 or fax (519) 679 1653.

Sincerely,

Adriana Poulette B.A., M.A.

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Guelph District

March 17, 2008

Ms. Melanie Adamson Stantec Consulting Ltd. 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, ON N1G 3M5

Dear Ms. Adamson:

Re: Request for Natural Heritage Features and Species at Risk information Natural Gas Pipeline to Serve the Northland Power Plant, Thorold ON

Staff of the Niagara area office have had the opportunity to review the above noted information request for natural heritage features located within or in the vicinity of the subject property. The following comments have been provided for the Environmental Impact Study you are conducting:

- There has been no new information added to our natural heritage files since our last response of August 2, 2007.
- Of the two proposed routes, the alternative Preferred Route would probably have the least impact as it appears to follow existing road allowances.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Greg Belmore at (905) 562-1176.

Yours truly,

Joad Durst

Niagara Area Supervisor

From: Wesenger, David

Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2008 9:26 AM

To: Adamson, Melanie

Subject: FW: Pipeline to Service the Proposed Northland Power Plant - Preliminary Plans

Attachments: EAad080318.tif; watermainroute.pdf; Bill Slack.vcf

From: Slack, Bill [mailto:bill.slack@regional.niagara.on.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 12:54 PM

To: Wesenger, David

Cc: eugene.chajka@hatchmott.com; Sharma, Sunil

Subject: Pipeline to Service the Proposed Northland Power Plant - Preliminary Plans

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David:

I am employed by Niagara Region as a Project Manager. I was given a copy of the attached Notice of Public Information Session this morning.

I wish to advise you that in 2008, we intend to tender and commence construction of a new trunk watermain along the route depicted as a dashed white line on the attached PDF document.

Please include Niagara Region on your list of stakeholders for this project, and as such I will be the contact person for Niagara Region. I have attached my V-card with my contact information.

Niagara Region has retained Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM) to provide the necessary engineering services for the new trunk watermain. Eugene Chajka of HMM will try to attend the information session tonight.

We would like to review an engineering drawing to determine the impacts (if any) on our project. Subsequent to our review of the drawings we will forward a written submission to you.

In the mean time we look forward to further communication with you and Enbridge staff on this project.

Regards,

Bill.

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March 19, 2008

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Dear Ms Adamson:

Notice of Public Information Session Re: **Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.** Natural Gas Pipeline to Serve the Proposed Northland Power Plant

Thank you for you recent Notice and for advising that an alternative route for the gas pipeline has been determined in response to public input. We have reviewed the alignment for the alternative route and have only one comment to offer: given the closer proximity of this route to Beaverdams Creek, we would expect that in the construction of the pipeline, all accepted measures be taken to ensure that this surface water is protected from any deleterious impacts.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss these comments, please feel free to contact me at (905) 521-7864 or at Barbara.slattery@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Barbara Slattery Environmental Assessment and Planning Coordinator







March 19, 2008

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Stantec Consulting Ltd. 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, Ontario N1G 3M5

Attention:

Melanie Adamson, Project Manager

Dear Ms. Adamson:

Re: Notice of Public Information Session: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
Natural Gas Pipeline to Serve the Proposed Northland Power Plant

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its March 18, 2008 meeting, referred your correspondence with respect to the above noted subject to Tom Doherty, Director of Operations.

For further information regarding the status of this matter please contact Mr. Doherty at (905) 227-3521.

Yours truly,

Susan Daniels, AMCT Deputy City Clerk

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M. Weir, Chief Administrative Officer

J.K. Bice, City Clerk

T. Doherty, Director of Operations

From: Pubworks@thorold.com

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 8:35 AM

To: Adamson, Melanie Subject: Re: Verification

Attachments: Text.htm



Text.htm (3 KB)

Melanie,

We would have no objection to the "Alternative Preferred Route", however we will require additional details with respect to specific locations within the municipal rights of way. Niagara Falls Road is a City of Thorold Road and the bridge structure just west of Hwy. 58 on Niagara Falls Road is owned by Ontario Power Generation.

Regards,

Tom Doherty, C.E.T., Director of Operations City of Thorold

>>> "Adamson, Melanie" <melanie.adamson@stantec.com> 3/18/2008 2:07 pm >>> >>>

Hello again,

Could you please verify that you have received the figure, and that it is suitable for your needs at tonight's meeting, and also provide me with your contact information so I can record who I sent this information to?

Thank you, Melanie.

Melanie Adamson, B.Sc., CEPIT Environmental Scientist Stantec 361 Southgate Drive Guelph ON N1G 3M5 Ph: (519) 836-6050 Fx: (519) 836-2493 melanie.adamson@stantec.com stantec.com

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March 25, 2008

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Ms. Melanie Adamson, Project Manager, Stantec Consulting Ltd., 361 Southgate Drive, Guelph, Ontario. N1G 3M5

Dear Ms. Adamson;

RE: PREFFERED ROUTE FOR A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE, AT THE PROPOSED NORTHLAND POWER PLANT, IN THE TOWN OF THOROLD

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) has reviewed your February 29, 2008 Notice of Public Information Session detailing the proposed route for a natural gas pipeline to serve the property of Abitibi Consolidating Inc..

Based upon our understanding of this project, the NPCA offers no objection to the proposed pipeline route.

Do not hesitate to contact this office should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Lisa Moreira, B.Sc.Env.,

Watershed Engineering Technician



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March 26, 2008

Mr. David P. Wesenger, B.E.S. Stantec Consulting Ltd. 361 Southgate Drive Guelph, ON N1G 3M5

Dear Mr. Wesenger:

Re:

Environmental Information Request

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

Natural Gas Pipeline to serve the Proposed Northland Power Plant

Further to your request for comments regarding an Alternative Preferred Route for the pipeline, it would appear that this alternate route would begin on the east side of Thorold Townline Road, putting this pipeline within the boundary of Niagara Falls.

As was previously noted in comments submitted in July 2007, this land is designated Good General Agriculture and Environmental Protection Area according to the City's Official Plan and zoned Agriculture (A) and Hazard Land (HL) in Zoning By-law No. 79-200.

Each of the above noted designations permits essential utility structures if no other reasonable location is available and provided impacts on the area are minimized.

Please continue to keep the City advised of any status changes to this project.

Yours truly,

John Barnsley

Manager of Policy Planning

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