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October 14, 2015

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Union Gas Application EB-2015-0179

On behalf of the Municipality of East Ferris I am writing to formally support application EB-2015-0179 submitted by Union Gas seeking approval for new approaches to expanding access to natural gas. We have reviewed the regulatory application and are supportive of the principles set out in it by Union Gas.

It is our belief that the proposal put forward by Union Gas provides the necessary flexibility for Union Gas to work with its municipal partners to expand their system to new communities. The proposal outlines a reasonable approach that ensures all parties have the ability to contribute towards making such projects a reality, while protecting the interests of their 1.4 million existing customers.

The Municipality of East Ferris fully supports the following concepts put forward by Union Gas:

- A Temporary Expansion Surcharge to collect customer contributions;
- An Incremental Tax Equivalent mechanism to collect municipal contributions;
- An exemption from E.B.O. 188 to allow lower individual project minimum PI thresholds;
- An exemption of Community Expansion Projects from E.B.O. 188 Investment and Rolling Project Portfolio requirements;
- A Capital Pass Through Mechanism; and,
- A Community Expansion Capital Pass-through Deferral Account and a Community Expansion Contribution Deferral Account.

As a growing municipality that has very limited natural gas service, we often hear from local residents, businesses, industries and institutional uses expressing their interest in having access to natural gas. Our leadership believes that the public benefits of extending natural gas infrastructure to additional communities in Ontario should be a key consideration in addressing the Union gas proposal. These benefits include the annual energy savings our constituents would experience, reduced costs for our existing businesses and industries, and the removal of a local economic barrier to our community.

Again, for these reasons please find enclosed a copy of certified resolution that was passed at the Regular Meeting of Council held October 13th, 2015 supporting the application put forward by Union Gas and encouraging the Board to grant approval of the application.

I trust that you will give considerable favour to Union Gas' application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Vrebosch', written in a cursive style.

Bill Vrebosch, Mayor
Municipality of East Ferris

cc: Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy
Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and
Infrastructure
Mr. Vic Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing)

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD

October 13th, 2015

No.2015-277

Moved by Councillor Rochefort

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is predominantly not serviced by natural gas;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris has residents, businesses, industries and institutional uses which are interested in having access to natural gas;

AND WHEREAS access to natural gas would provide many benefits to our community including annual energy savings, reduced costs for our businesses and the removal of an economic development barrier for our community;

AND WHEREAS Union Gas has submitted an application to the Ontario Energy Board (EB-2015-0179) seeking approval for new approaches to expanding access to natural gas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of East Ferris supports application EB-2015-0179 submitted on behalf of Union Gas;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Energy Board, the Hon Bob Chiarelli Minister of Energy, the Hon Brad Duguid Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure and Victor Fedeli MPP (Nipissing).

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2015-277 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 13th day of October, 2015.


Monica L. Hawkins, AMCT
Clerk