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On behalf of The Town Of Latchford we are writing to formally support application EB-2015-0179 submitted by Union Gas seeking approval for new approaches to expanding access natural gas. We have reviewed the regulatory application and are supportive of the principals 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 community of Latchford 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 municipality who currently has unserved portions of our community, we often hear from local residents and businesses 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 Union's proposals. These benefits include the annual energy savings our constituents would experience, reduced costs for our existing businesses, and remove a local economic barrier for our community.

Again, for these reasons we fully support the application put forward by Union Gas and encourage the Board to grant approval of the application.

Jaime Allen
Clerk,



TOWN OF LATCHFORD
RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: P. [Signature]

No.: 15/ 136

SECONDED BY: Mit [Signature]

Date: October 15th 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Latchford supports Union Gas Limited application to the Ontario Energy Board to expand natural gas to certain rural and remote communities in Ontario including the Town Of Latchford.

Carried ✓

Amended _____

Defeated _____

[Signature]
Signature of Presiding Officer

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

declared interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on the question.

Clerk-Treasurer