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March 6, 2024

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.
Application for Renewal of Franchise Agreement – City of Peterborough
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2024-0105**

Further to the Application submitted March 1, 2024 and the March 5, 2024 request of Ontario Energy Board staff, attached is a copy of correspondence sent to the City of Peterborough on June 17, 2022 initiating discussions of the franchise agreement renewal.

Section 4(c) of the existing franchise agreement states that at any time within two years prior to the expiration of a franchise agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise agreement. The correspondence sent to the City of Peterborough to initiate discussions of a franchise agreement renewal was sent eleven months in advance of the May 12, 2023 expiry date of the existing franchise agreement which is within the parameters contained within the Model Franchise Agreement.

Should you have any additional questions on this application, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the receipt of your instructions.

Yours truly,

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From: [Kendra Black](#)
To: [Patrick McMahon](#)
Subject: FW: City of Peterborough Franchise Renewal
Date: Monday, May 15, 2023 4:29:03 PM
Attachments: [MA3607 - CD City of Peterborough\(EGD\).pdf](#)
[Gas Franchise Handbook \(May 2002\).pdf](#)
[EB-2002-0438 - Certificate - City of Peterborough \(January 12, 2004\).pdf](#)
[Bylaw and Franchise Agreement - Peterborough \(May 12, 2003\).pdf](#)
[Model Franchise Agreement - City of Peterborough \(Lower-Tier EGI North\).pdf](#)
[Draft Bylaw - City of Peterborough.docx](#)
[Draft Resolution - City of Peterborough.docx](#)
[2022 05 17 - Updated Guidelines to Municipalities.docx](#)

For your files.

From: Sonia Fazari
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 12:26 PM
To: jkennedy@peterborough.ca
Subject: City of Peterborough Franchise Renewal

Hi John,

Thanks for the opportunity to briefly discuss the upcoming franchise renewal.

On May 12, 2023, the current franchise agreement between the City of Peterborough and Enbridge Gas will expire. Based on the most recent customer count report, we currently provide service to approximately 28,707 customers within the City of Peterborough. We have been providing gas distribution services within the City of Peterborough since approximately 1967.

Provincial legislation requires a franchise agreement between the municipal corporation and the gas company serving that municipality. The Ontario Energy Board has directed that the current 2000 Model Franchise Agreement be used as the model for such agreements.

As a result, Enbridge Gas and the City of Peterborough need to commence the process to renew a 20-year franchise agreement using the approved model.

To assist you in this matter, I am enclosing the following documents for discussions with the City of Peterborough:

1. Franchise Agreement Renewal Documents:
 - Guidelines to Municipalities Respecting the Renewal of Franchise Agreements
 - Draft Resolution of the municipality
 - Draft By-Law of the municipality
 - 2000 Model Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.
2. Historical Background:
 - a copy of the current By-Law #03-067 (passed on May 12, 2003) and the current Franchise Agreement effective May 12, 2003

a copy of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that Enbridge Gas holds for the City of Peterborough (RP-1999-0042 / EB-2002-0438)

3. Reference Documents:

- a copy of the Gas Franchise Handbook (an explanatory supplement to the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement)
- customer density map for areas served within the City of Peterborough

This entire process to get a franchise agreement approved by the Ontario Energy Board can be quite lengthy and may take up to eight months.

It would be greatly appreciated if we could arrange to have the franchise renewal on the Council agenda. I would be pleased to provide an overview of the Franchise Renewal process to Council should you wish? You may also wish to contact Kari Stevenson at the County of Peterborough to get a sense of the process etc.

As discussed, I will also provide you (early next week) with some Q's and A's that have come up in the past regarding the franchise renewal for your reference and information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this material or need additional background information.

Kind regards,
Sonia

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