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# **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2024-0068**

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

**Application for a new certificate of public convenience and necessity for the  
Township of Montague**

**By Delegation, before:** **Theodore Antonopoulos**  
Vice President  
Major Applications

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**April 18, 2024**

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## 1 OVERVIEW

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves an application filed by Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) for a new certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) for the Township of Montague that is geographically aligned with the municipality as it is currently constituted and which will, in effect, cancel and supersede Enbridge Gas's existing certificate for the municipality.

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## 2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application on January 26, 2024, under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* for an Order cancelling its existing certificate for the Township of Montague and replacing it with a new certificate to reflect the boundaries of the municipality as it is currently constituted.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper on February 20, 2024. The notice of hearing was also posted on Enbridge Gas's website. No persons sought to become intervenors or otherwise participate in the proceeding.

In this Decision and Order, a reference to the Township of Montague is a reference to the municipal corporation or its geographical area, as the context requires.

### 3 APPLICATION

Enbridge Gas is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its head office in the City of Toronto.

The Township of Montague is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality in the County of Lanark.

According to Enbridge Gas, the following municipal boundary changes have impacted the Township of Montague:

- On September 1, 1984, a portion of the Township of Montague was annexed to the Village of Merrickville; and, a portion of the Village of Merrickville was annexed to the Township of Montague.
- On January 1, 1992, a portion of the Township of Montague was annexed to the Town of Smiths Falls.
- On January 2, 2020, a portion of the Township of Montague was annexed to the Town of Smiths Falls.

Enbridge Gas holds a certificate for the Township of Montague, dated December 9, 1957.<sup>1</sup> Enbridge Gas also holds a certificate for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, dated October 7, 2002<sup>2</sup>, which was issued after the above-referenced municipal boundary changes. Enbridge Gas held a certificate for the former Village of Merrickville which was cancelled when Enbridge Gas's certificate for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was granted.

Enbridge Gas holds a certificate for the Town of Smiths Falls, dated December 9, 1957<sup>3</sup>. Enbridge Gas currently has an application before the OEB for a new certificate for the Town of Smiths Falls.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FBC 141

<sup>2</sup> RP-2002-0121 / EB-2002-0380

<sup>3</sup> FBC 130

<sup>4</sup> EB-2024-0086



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## 4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve the application as filed. Enbridge Gas filed a complete application and provided notice of the hearing in the manner instructed by the OEB. I note that no party intervened or otherwise objected to the application.

The approach for a new certificate is reasonable given the evidence provided by Enbridge Gas regarding the coverage associated with the historical certificate for the Village of Merrickville. I also note that granting a new certificate to Enbridge Gas for the Township of Montague, that reflects the boundaries of the municipality as it is currently constituted, does not affect the certificate rights of any other gas distributor.

A new certificate, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the Township of Montague.

## 5 ORDER

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, attached as Schedule A, is granted to Enbridge Gas Inc. to construct works or supply natural gas in the Township of Montague. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes F.B.C. 141. A map of the Township of Montague is attached as Schedule B.
2. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 18, 2024

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Vice President  
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**SCHEDULE A**

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE**

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## **Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

The Ontario Energy Board grants

### **Enbridge Gas Inc.**

approval under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended, to construct works to supply natural gas in the

### **Township of Montague**

as it is constituted on the date of this Decision and Order.

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes: F.B.C.  
141

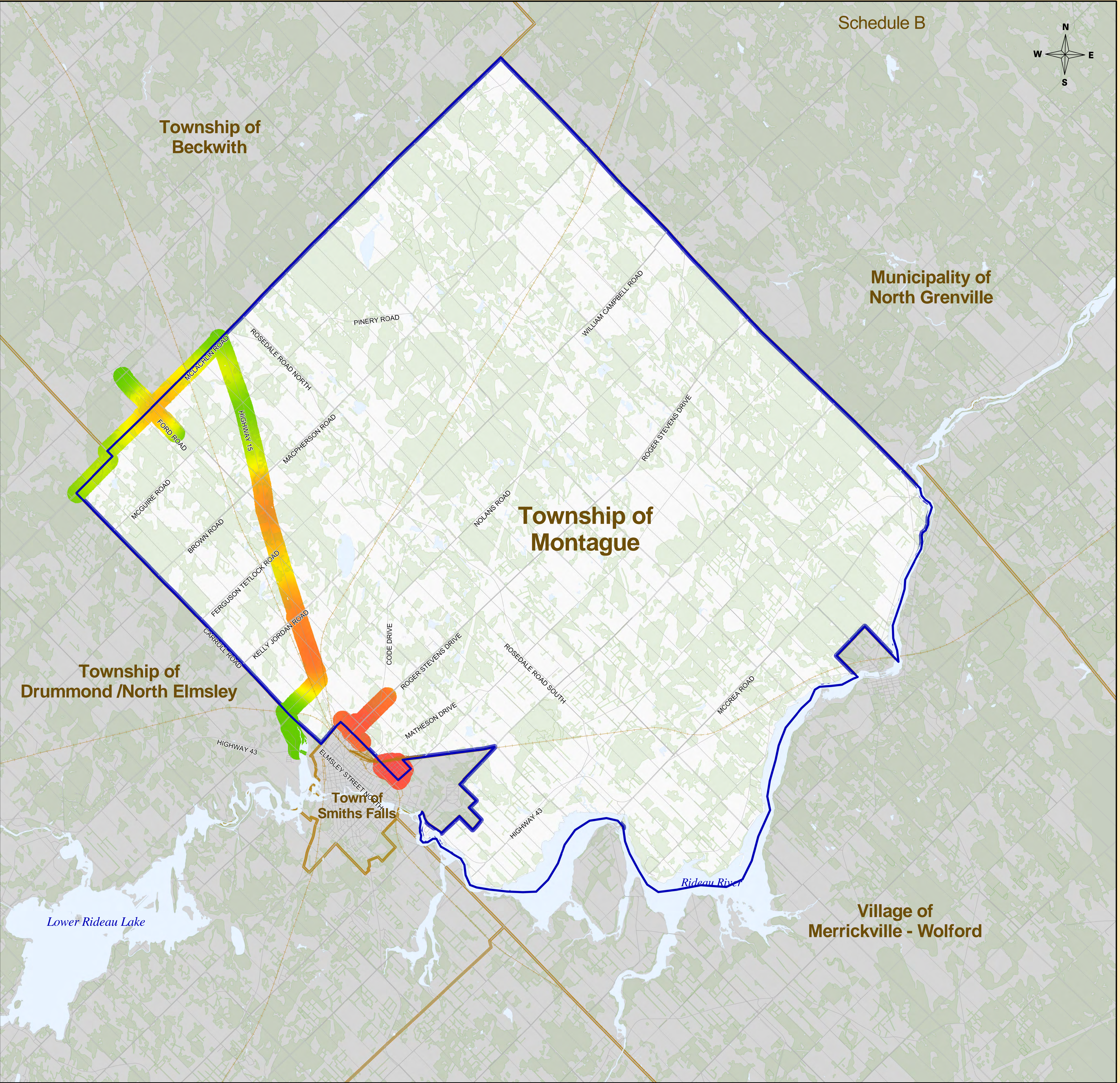
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**SCHEDULE B**  
**MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE**  
**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**  
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Legend

- Enbridge Gas Pipeline Coverage Area
- Township of Montague
- Roads
- Railways
- Municipal and Township Boundaries
- First Nation Boundaries

Customer Density

Low

High

### Township of Montague

0

1

2

3

4

5

Kilometers

**Disclaimer:**  
The map is provided with no warranty express or Implied and is subject to change at any time. Any Person using the Density Map shall do so at its own Risk and the Density Map is not intended in any way As a tool to locate underground infrastructure for the purposes of excavation

Location map

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