



April 22, 2024

Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.

**Approval of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity** 

**Township of Montague** 

Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2024-0068

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated April 18, 2024, enclosed is my Affidavit of Service related to the Decision and Order in regard to the above-noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Patrick McMahon
Technical Manager
Regulatory Research and Records
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(519) 436-5325

Encl.

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. M.55, as amended:

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order cancelling and superseding the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas Inc. for the Township of Montague and replacing it with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the current Township of Montague.

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

- I, Patrick McMahon, of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario, make oath and say as follows:
- 1. I am an employee in the Chatham Office of Enbridge Gas Inc., the Applicant in the matter referred to in the preamble to this my Affidavit and I have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed to.
- 2. By Courier, at Chatham, Ontario, on April 19, 2024, I did cause to be sent to the Township of Montague a true copy of the Decision and Order issued by the Ontario Energy Board on April 18, 2024, to the above preamble and a covering letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 3. The courier bill of lading is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 4. I make this Affidavit in good faith and for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME, at the	)	
City of Toronto in the Province	)	
of Ontario this 22 <sup>nd</sup> day of	)	
April, 2024.	)	
		Patrick McMahon

A Commissioner, etc.





April 19, 2024

Allison Vereyken Clerk Administrator / Treasurer Township of Montague 6547 Roger Stevens Drive Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4W6 Exhibit A

This is Exhibit "A" to the Affidavit of Patrick McMahon sworn before me this 22nd day of April, 2024.

Dear Ms. Vereyken:

A Commissioner, etc.

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Township of Montague Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2024-0068

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated April 18, 2024, Enbridge Gas now serves upon you a copy of the Decision and Order approving the new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that Enbridge Gas holds for the Township of Montague.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions about the application that resulted in this Decision and Order.

Yours truly,

[Original Signed By]

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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

April 18, 2024

#### 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.

#### **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. Enbridge Gas also holds a certificate for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, dated October 7, 2002, 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>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FBC 141

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> RP-2002-0121 / EB-2002-0380

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> FBC 130

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EB-2024-0086

#### 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:

- 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

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

#### **SCHEDULE A**

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

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.** 

EB-2024-0068

**APRIL 18, 2024** 

# **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

DATED at Toronto, April 18, 2024

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

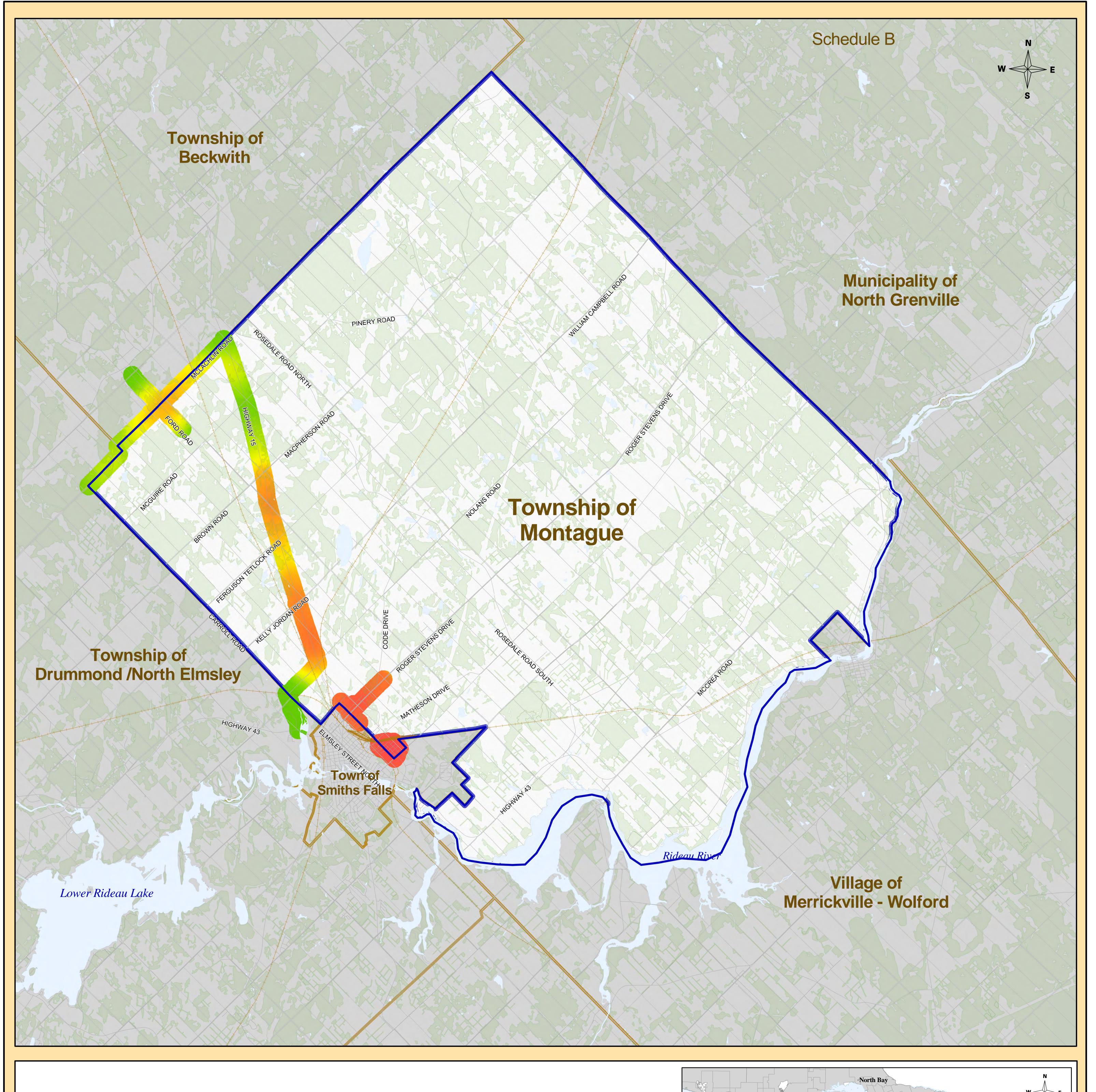
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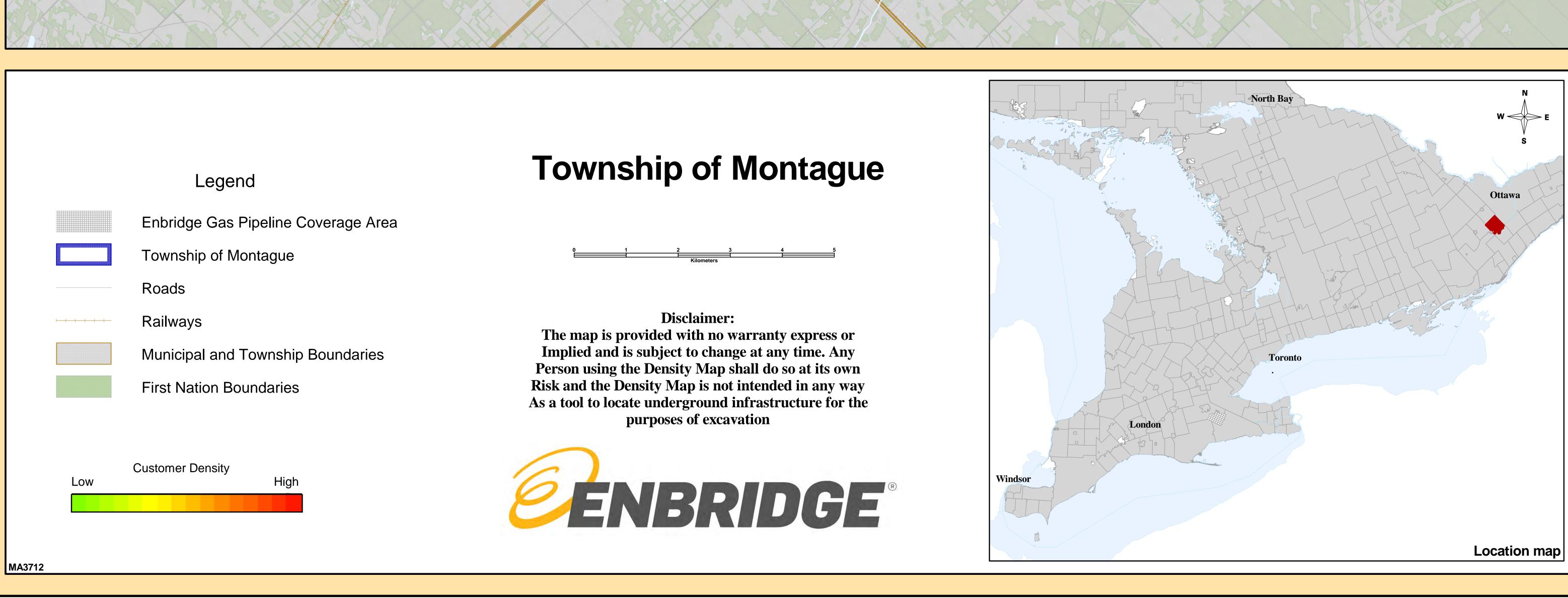
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# SCHEDULE B MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

EB-2024-0068

**APRIL 18, 2024** 





#### Exhibit B

Township of Montague 6547 Roger Stevens Drive Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4W6

(613) 283-7478

Attention:

Allison Vereyken

Clerk Administrator / Treasurer

This is Exhibit "B" to the Affidavit of Patrick McMahon sworn before me this 22nd day of April, 2024.

A Commissioner, etc.

