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**Re: Securing access to natural gas for Ontario's future**

On behalf of the Township of Hornepayne, I am submitting a letter of comment on Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Rate Rebasing Application **Phase 2 (EB-2024-0111)**.

The Township applauds the work the Government of Ontario has done to continue to advance access to affordable energy and propel economic growth, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and the Keeping Energy Costs Down Act.

The Township supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition; one that leverages existing natural gas infrastructure and invests in lower-carbon alternatives such as renewable natural gas and hydrogen – in addition to building incremental electricity supply.

An integrated approach to Ontario's energy transition, where pipes and wires work together, will ensure Ontario maintains an energy system that is resilient and cost-effective while supporting the province's decarbonization efforts.

The Township of Hornepayne recognizes that growing communities and new developments have growing energy needs, to support housing developments, new businesses, community centres, hospitals, schools, greenhouses, grain dryers and industrial parks – and all Ontarians benefit from this growth.

Municipalities are planning for immense future growth and need assurance that affordable, resilient natural gas will be available to support economic and community development – this energy certainty is crucial, as is preserving customer choice.

Natural gas meets 40 percent of Ontario's energy needs, plays a critical role in Ontario's energy evolution, and supports the reliability of Ontario's electricity system.

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We would like to ensure that hearings like this represent municipal voices and priorities like our own on the need for natural gas and natural gas infrastructure to support the province's diversified energy mix.

Best regards,

Mayor Cheryl Fort  
Township of Hornepayne

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Honourable Stephen Lecce, the Minister of Energy [ministerenergy@ontario.ca](mailto:ministerenergy@ontario.ca)  
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## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved By:** Ted Scheniman

**Resolution No.** 2024-224

**Seconded By:** Belinda Kistemaker

**Date:** June 19, 2024

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**WHEREAS** Council received correspondence from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), dated May 22, 2024, regarding Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Rate Rebasing Application Phase 2 (EB-2024-0111);

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne does hereby authorize Mayor Cheryl Fort to provide a letter of comment to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) regarding Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Rate Rebasing Application Phase 2 (EB-2024-0111).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy; Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

Carried  Defeated

Cheryl Fort (Jun 27, 2024 09:46 EDT)

signature of presiding officer