



August 22, 2024

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

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.

Approval of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Town of Pelham Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2024-0174

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated August 22, 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 patrick.mcmahon@enbridge.com (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 those parts of the EBC 58 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas Inc. related to the former Village of Fonthill, those parts of the former Township of Thorold annexed to the Town of Pelham, and the former Township of Pelham and replacing them with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the current Town of Pelham.

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 August 22, 2024, I did cause to be sent to the Town of Pelham a true copy of the Decision and Order issued by the Ontario Energy Board on August 22, 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 nd day of August, 2024.))	
August, 2024.	,	Patrick McMahon

A Commissioner, etc.





Exhibit A

August 22, 2024

William Tigert, Town Clerk Town of Pelham 20 Pelham Town Square Fonthill, ON LOS 1E0 This is Exhibit "A" to the Affidavit of Patrick McMahon sworn before me this 22nd day of August, 2024.

Dear Mr. Tigert:

A Commissioner, etc.

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Town of Pelham Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2024-0174

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated August 22, 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 Town of Pelham.

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

Yours truly,

[Original Signed By]

Patrick McMahon Technical Manager Regulatory Research and Records patrick.mcmahon@enbridge.com (519) 436-5325

Encl.



DECISION AND ORDER EB-2024-0174

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Town of Pelham

By Delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos

Vice President Major Applications

August 22, 2024

1 OVERVIEW

This Decision and Order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves an application filed by Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) for the Town of Pelham.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on May 14, 2024, under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* for an order approving a new certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Town of Pelham.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in local newspapers between June 8, 2024, to June 13, 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 Town of Pelham 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 Town of Pelham is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the Regional Municipality of Niagara. The Town of Pelham was formed in 1970 through the amalgamation of the former Township of Pelham and the former Village of Fonthill. A portion of the former Township of Thorold was also annexed to the Town of Pelham.

Enbridge Gas is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the Township of Pelham through an existing certificate in the names of its legacy municipalities, and which covers different parts of the Town of Pelham as it is currently constituted. As such, Enbridge Gas does not have a certificate in respect of the Town of Pelham that is in the name of the Town, or that is aligned with its municipal boundaries.

Accordingly, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB for a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the Town of Pelham as it is currently constituted. Enbridge Gas requests that such order also cancel those parts of its existing certificate relating to the geographic area of the Town of Pelham as set out in the certificate issued in the names of the of the former Village of Fonthill, the former Township of Thorold and the former Township of Pelham.²

Enbridge Gas notes that, if the application is granted, there will be no change to its overall certificate rights in the geographic area currently constituted as the Town of Pelham, given that Enbridge Gas currently holds certificate rights in the names of the former municipalities that have been amalgamated into the Town of Pelham. Enbridge Gas states that it is not aware of any other person holding a certificate for the Town of Pelham.

¹ E.B.C. 58, dated July 25, 1967, in respect of many municipalities including the former Village of Fonthill, the former Township of Thorold and the former Township of Pelham.

² The OEB notes that Enbridge Gas has also filed applications for new certificates that will cancel and supersede its authorizations as set out in E.B.C. 58 for the Town of Lincoln, the City of Niagara Falls, the City of St. Catharines, the City of Welland and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake but E.B.C. 58 remains in effect for the Township of Wainfleet given that there have not been any annexations or any name changes to the Township of Wainfleet since the certificate was issued.

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Town of Pelham. Enbridge Gas has been serving the Town of Pelham under a certificate that references the legacy municipalities that preceded the formation of the Town of Pelham. The issuance of a new certificate in the name of the Town of Pelham, and that is geographically aligned with its municipal borders, is consistent with the intent of the OEB that certificate holders update service areas if boundaries of their existing certificate(s) are affected by municipal amalgamations, annexations, or name changes.³ 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.

A new certificate, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the Town of Pelham. The new certificate supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorizations for the former Village of Fonthill, the former Township of Thorold and the former Township of Pelham, which are hereby cancelled. I also note that there are no other natural gas distributors operating within the Town of Pelham.

³ Report of the Ontario Energy Board, "Natural Gas Facilities Handbook", EB-2022-0081, March 31, 2022

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 Town of Pelham. A current map of the Town of Pelham is attached as Schedule B.
- 2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity supersedes that part of E.B.C. 58 relating to the former Village of Fonthill, the former Township of Pelham and those parts annexed from the former Township of Thorold to the Town of Pelham, which is hereby cancelled.
- 3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, August 22, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Theodore Antonopoulos

Vice President Major Applications

SCHEDULE A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

EB-2024-0174

AUGUST 22, 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

Town of Pelham

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

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes that part of E.B.C. 58 relating to the former Village of Fonthill, the former Township of Pelham and those parts annexed from the former Township of Thorold to the Town of Pelham.

DATED at Toronto, August 22, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Theodore Antonopoulos Vice President Major Applications

SCHEDULE B MAP OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM ENBRIDGE GAS INC. EB-2024-0174 AUGUST 22, 2024

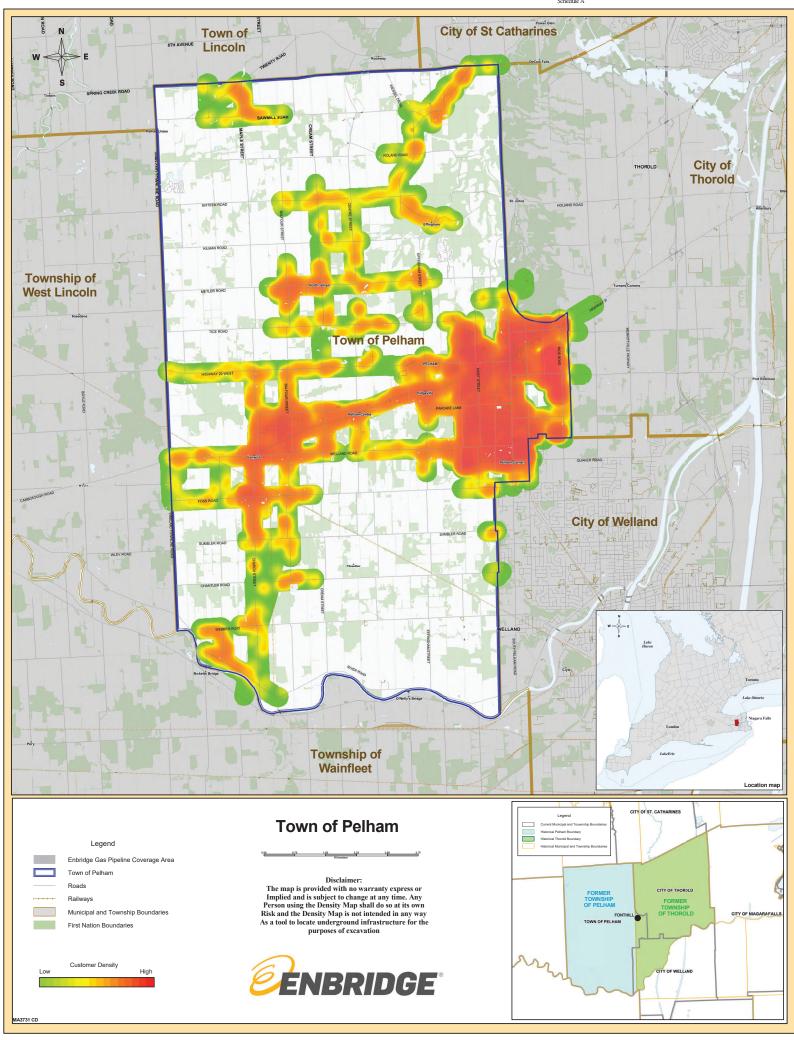


Exhibit B

Town of Pelham 20 Pelham Town Square Fonthill, ON LOS 1E0

(905) 980-6657

Attention:

William Tigert, Town Clerk

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

A Commissioner, etc.

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