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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0234

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity for the Town of Ajax**

By Delegation, before:

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

November 5, 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 Ajax.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on July 23, 2024, under section 8 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The application is for an order approving a new certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Town of Ajax.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper from August 19 to August 26, 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 Ajax is a reference to the municipal corporation or its geographic 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 Ajax is a municipal corporation first incorporated in the 1950s under the laws of the Province of Ontario.

In 1974, the Town of Ajax became a lower-tier municipality within the newly formed Regional Municipality of Durham. The boundaries of the former Town of Ajax were then expanded to include several areas of the former Township of Pickering, including the former Village of Pickering, the former community of Pickering Beach and the former Village of Audley.

Enbridge Gas is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the Town of Ajax, as it is currently constituted, through several existing certificates in the names of the Town's legacy municipalities.¹

Through the application, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB cancelling those parts of its existing certificates related to the Town of Ajax's legacy municipalities, and granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the Town of Ajax as it is currently constituted.

Enbridge Gas notes that, if the application is granted, there will be no change to its overall certificate rights in the Town of Ajax.

Enbridge Gas further states that it is not aware of any natural gas distributor holding a certificate for any part of the current Town of Ajax, and that it currently has franchise agreements with and certificates for all areas of the other municipalities within the Regional Municipality of Durham (Township of Brock, Municipality of Clarington, City of Oshawa, City of Pickering, Township of Scugog, Township of Uxbridge and Town of Whitby).

¹ F.B.C 9, Dated May 15, 1956 for the former Village of Pickering; F.B.C 75, Dated August 20, 1956 for the former Town of Ajax; F.B.C 10 Dated May 15, 1956 for the former Township of Pickering

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Town of Ajax. Enbridge Gas currently serves the Town of Ajax through certificates issued in the name of its various legacy municipalities. The issuance of a new certificate in the name of the Town of Ajax, 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. 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 the application.

A new certificate, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the Town of Ajax. The new certificate supersedes that part of F.B.C. 10 related to the former Township of Pickering that became part of the Town of Ajax as it is currently constituted; those parts of F.B.C. 9 related to the former Village of Pickering that became part of the Town of Ajax as it is currently constituted; and that part of F.B.C. 75 related to the former Town of Ajax that became the Town of Ajax as it is currently constituted. I also note that there is no other natural gas distributor within the certificate area.

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 Ajax. A current map of the Town of Ajax is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity supersedes the following certificate rights, which are hereby cancelled:
 - That part of F.B.C. 10 related to the former Township of Pickering that became part of the Town of Ajax.
 - Those parts of F.B.C. 9 related to the former Village of Pickering that became part of the Town of Ajax.
 - That part of that part of F.B.C. 75 related to the former Town of Ajax that became the Town of Ajax.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at November 5, 2024

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SCHEDULE A

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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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

Town of Ajax

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

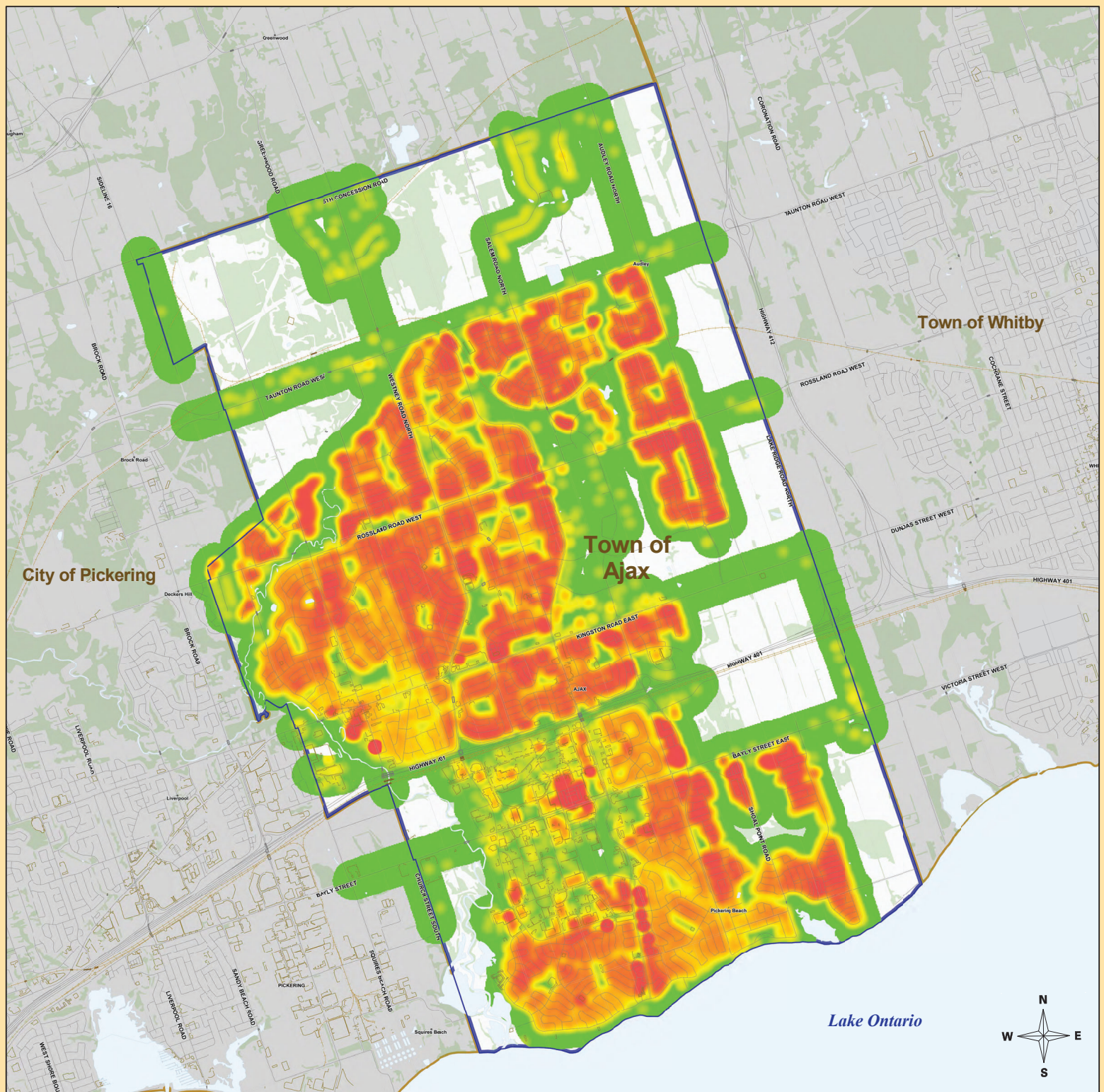
This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes that part of F.B.C. 10 related to the former Township of Pickering that became part of the Town of Ajax; those parts of F.B.C 9 related to the former Village of Pickering that became part of the Town of Ajax; and that part of F.B.C 75 related to the former Town of Ajax that became the Town of Ajax.

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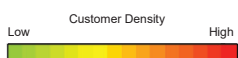
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SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE TOWN OF AJAX
ENBRIDGE GAS INC.
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Legend

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



City of Ajax



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