



# **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2024-0247**

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

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

**By Delegation, before:**

**Theodore Antonopoulos**  
**Vice President**  
Major Applications

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**November 14, 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 Grimsby.

## 2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on August 2, 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 Grimsby.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper from August 29 to September 5, 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 Grimsby 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 Grimsby 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 former Village of Grimsby was incorporated in 1876 and became the former Town of Grimsby in 1922.<sup>1</sup> In 1970, the boundaries of the former Town of Grimsby were expanded to include the former Township of North Grimsby.

Enbridge Gas is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the Town of Grimsby, as it is currently constituted, through an existing certificate in the names of the Town's legacy municipalities.<sup>2</sup>

Through the application, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB cancelling its existing certificate related to the Town of Grimsby's legacy municipalities, and granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the Town of Grimsby 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 Grimsby.

Enbridge Gas further states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor holding a certificate for any part of the current Town of Grimsby, and that it has municipal franchise agreements with, and certificates for, all areas of the other municipalities within the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

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<sup>1</sup> Town of Grimsby. 2024. *History and Heritage*. <https://www.grimsby.ca/parks-recreation-and-culture/history-and-heritage/>.

<sup>2</sup> E.B.C. 59, dated July 25, 1967 for the former Town of Grimsby and the former Township of North Grimsby

## 4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Town of Grimsby. Enbridge Gas currently serves the Town of Grimsby through a certificate issued in the name of its various legacy municipalities. The issuance of a new certificate in the name of the Town of Grimsby, 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 Grimsby. The new certificate supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificates for the former Town of Grimsby and parts of the former Township of North Grimsby. 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 Grimsby. A current map of the Town of Grimsby is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes E.B.C. 59 related to the former Town of Grimsby and the former Township of North Grimsby.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, November 14, 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 Grimsby**

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

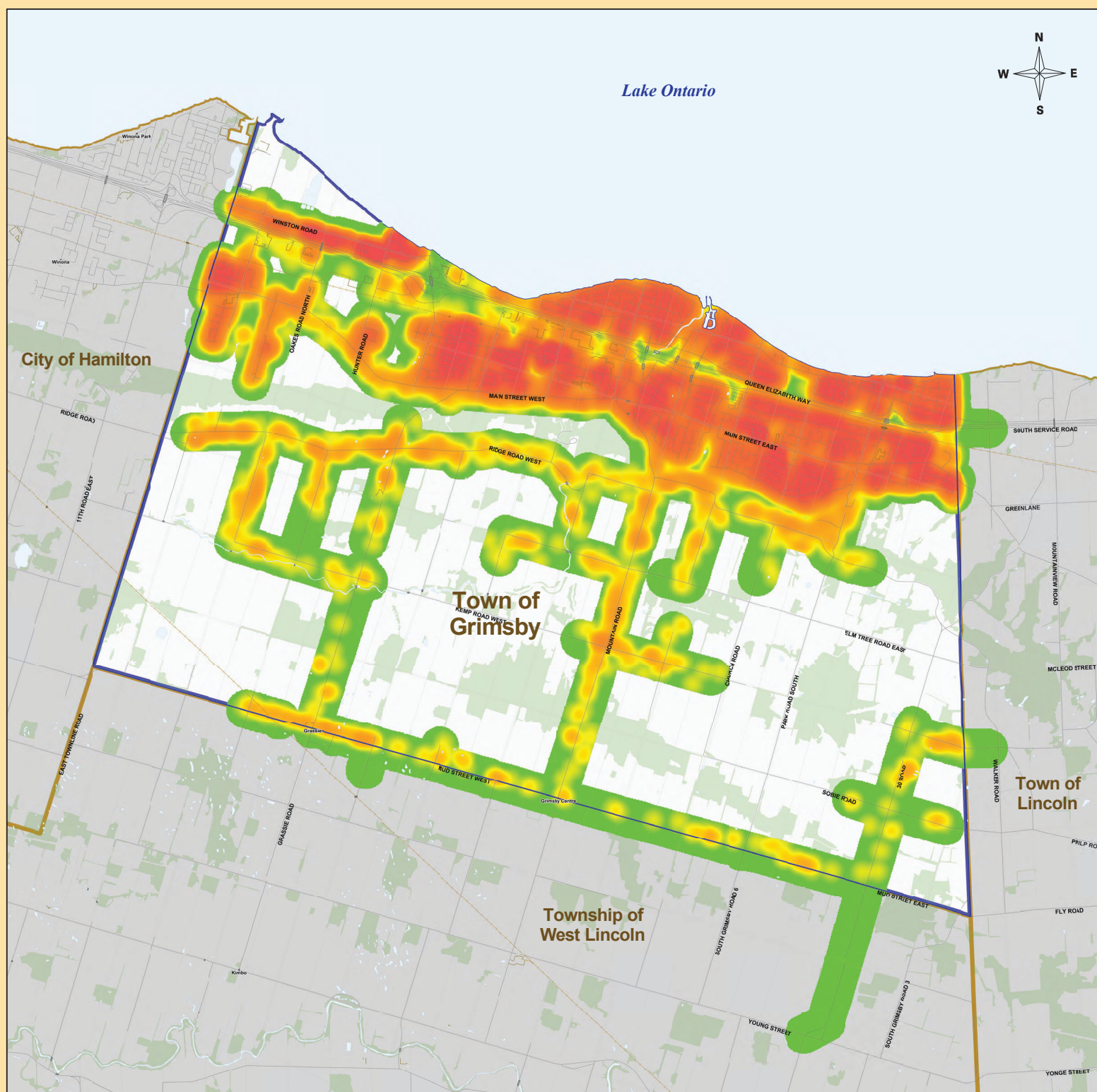
This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes E.B.C. 59 for the former Town of Grimsby and the former Township of North Grimsby

**DATED** at Toronto, November 14, 2024

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**SCHEDULE B**  
**MAP OF THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY**  
**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**  
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## Town of Grimsby

- ### Legend

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

Customer Density

Low High

**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

