



DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0255

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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

By Delegation, before:

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

November 21, 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 Minto.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on August 19, 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 Minto.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper on September 19, 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 Minto 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 Minto is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the County of Wellington.

The Town of Minto was formed in 1999 upon the amalgamation of the former Village of Clifford, the former Town of Harriston, the former Township of Minto and the former Town of Palmerston.

Enbridge Gas is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the Town of Minto, 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 Minto's legacy municipalities, and granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the Town of Minto 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 Minto.

Enbridge Gas further states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor holding a certificate for any part of the Town of Minto. Enbridge Gas also has municipal franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Township of Howick, the Township of Mapleton, the Municipality of North Perth, the Municipality of South Bruce, the Township of Wellington North and the Municipality of West Grey, each of which is immediately adjacent to the Town of Minto.

¹ E.B.C. 29, dated April 22, 1963 for the former Township of Minto, the former Town of Harriston and the former Town of Palmerston; E.B.C. 289, dated May 1, 1963 for the former Village of Clifford.

4 FINDINGS

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

A new certificate, attached as Schedule A to this Decision and Order, is granted to Enbridge Gas for the Town of Minto. The new certificate supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate rights for the Village of Clifford, the former Town of Harriston, the former Township of Minto and the former Town of Palmerston. 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 Minto. A current map of the Town of Minto is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes:
 - Those parts of E.B.C. 29 related to the former Township of Minto, the former Town of Harriston, and the former Town of Palmerston.
 - E.B.C. 289 for the former Village of Clifford.
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 21, 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 Minto

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

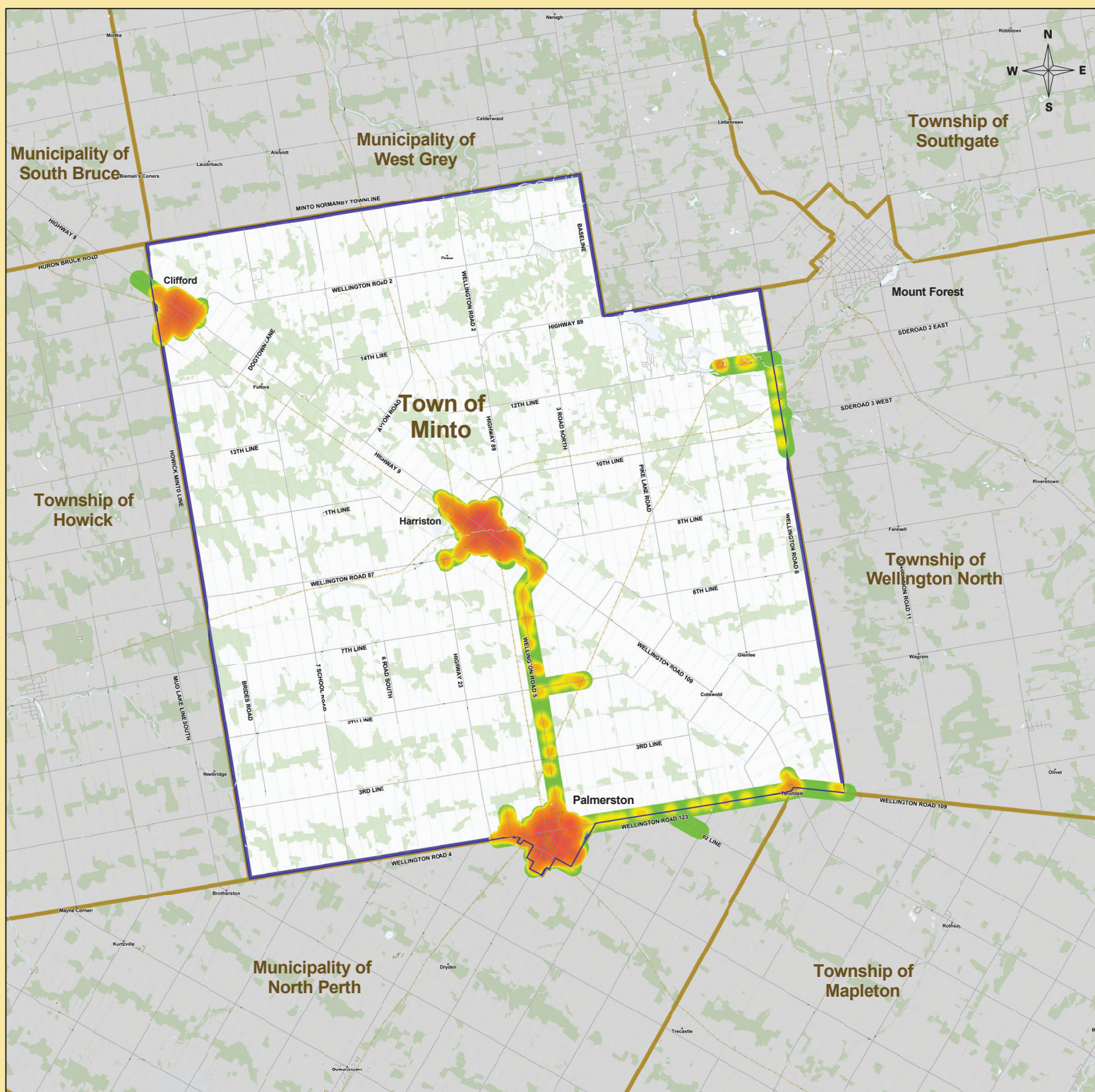
This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes those parts of E.B.C. 29 related to the former Township of Minto, the former Town of Harriston and the former Town of Palmerston and cancels and supersedes E.B.C. 289 for the former Village of Clifford.

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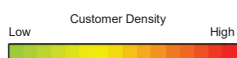
SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE TOWN OF MINTO
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Town of Minto

Legend

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



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Location map