



DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0259

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the City of Woodstock**

By Delegation, before:

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

December 3, 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 City of Woodstock.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on August 20, 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 City of Woodstock.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper from September 13 to 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 City of Woodstock 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 City of Woodstock is a municipal corporation incorporated in 1901 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the County of Oxford.

The boundaries of the City of Woodstock have been expanded through the annexation of a portion of the Township of Norwich in 2018 and the annexation of a portion of the Township of South-West Oxford in 2020.

Enbridge Gas is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the City of Woodstock, as it is currently constituted, through a 1959 certificate that pertains to operations within numerous municipalities including the City of Woodstock.¹ Enbridge Gas notes that since the 1959 certificate was issued, areas of the Township of Norwich and Township of South-West Oxford that were annexed to the Township of Woodstock were previously covered under certificates that have been superseded in other OEB proceedings.²

Through the application, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB cancelling the 1959 certificate related to the former City of Woodstock, and granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the City of Woodstock as it is currently constituted.

Enbridge Gas has a franchise agreement with the City of Woodstock effective December 10, 2009.³ Enbridge Gas also has municipal franchise agreements with, and certificates for Township of South-West Oxford, the Township of Norwich, the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock, each of which is immediately adjacent to the City of Woodstock. Enbridge Gas states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor holding a certificate for any part of the current City of Woodstock.

¹ F.B.C. 259

² Application, page 3, para 6

³ EB-2009-0342

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the City of Woodstock. The issuance of a new certificate in the name of the City of Woodstock, 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 City of Woodstock. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate for the former City of Woodstock. 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 City of Woodstock. A current map of the City of Woodstock is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes the part of F.B.C. 259 related to the former City of Woodstock.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at December 3, 2024

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SCHEDULE A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
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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

City of Woodstock

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

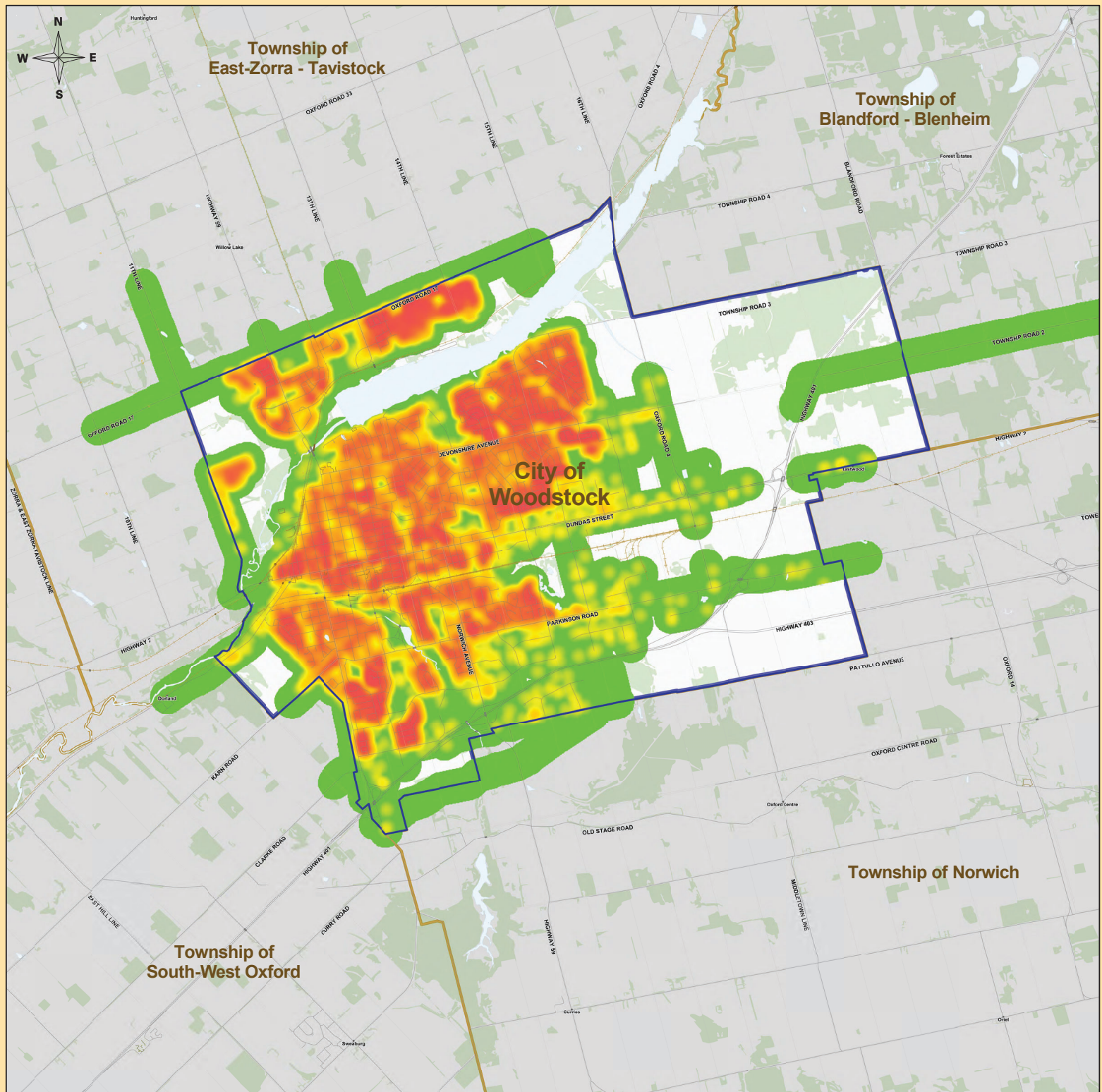
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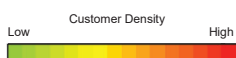
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SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK
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Legend

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



City of Woodstock



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