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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0290

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity for the Township of Hamilton**

By Delegation, before:

Theodore Antonopoulos
Vice President
Major Applications

December 17, 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 Township of Hamilton.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on October 3, 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 Township of Hamilton.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper from September 7 to September 14, 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 Township of Hamilton 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 Township of Hamilton is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the County of Northumberland.

The Township was established in 1850. The size of the Township of Hamilton was reduced in 1958 when a portion of it was purchased by the Town of Cobourg.

Enbridge Gas is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the Township of Hamilton, as it is currently constituted, through an existing certificate in the name of the Township of Hamilton.¹

Through the application, Enbridge Gas requests a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Hamilton 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 Township of Hamilton. Enbridge Gas further states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor holding a certificate for any part of the current Township of Hamilton.

Enbridge Gas has a franchise agreement with the Township of Hamilton effective February 3, 2009.² Enbridge Gas also has municipal franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, the Township of Alnwick-Haldimand, the Municipality of Port Hope and the Town of Cobourg, each of which is immediately adjacent to the Township of Hamilton.

¹ F.B.C. 210

² EB-2008-0395

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Township of Hamilton. The issuance of a new certificate in the name of the Township of Hamilton, 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 Township of Hamilton. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate for the former Township of Hamilton. 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 Township of Hamilton. A current map of the Township of Hamilton is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes F.B.C. 210.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at TORONTO December 17, 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

Township of Hamilton

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

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes F.B.C. 210.

DATED at Toronto, December 17, 2024

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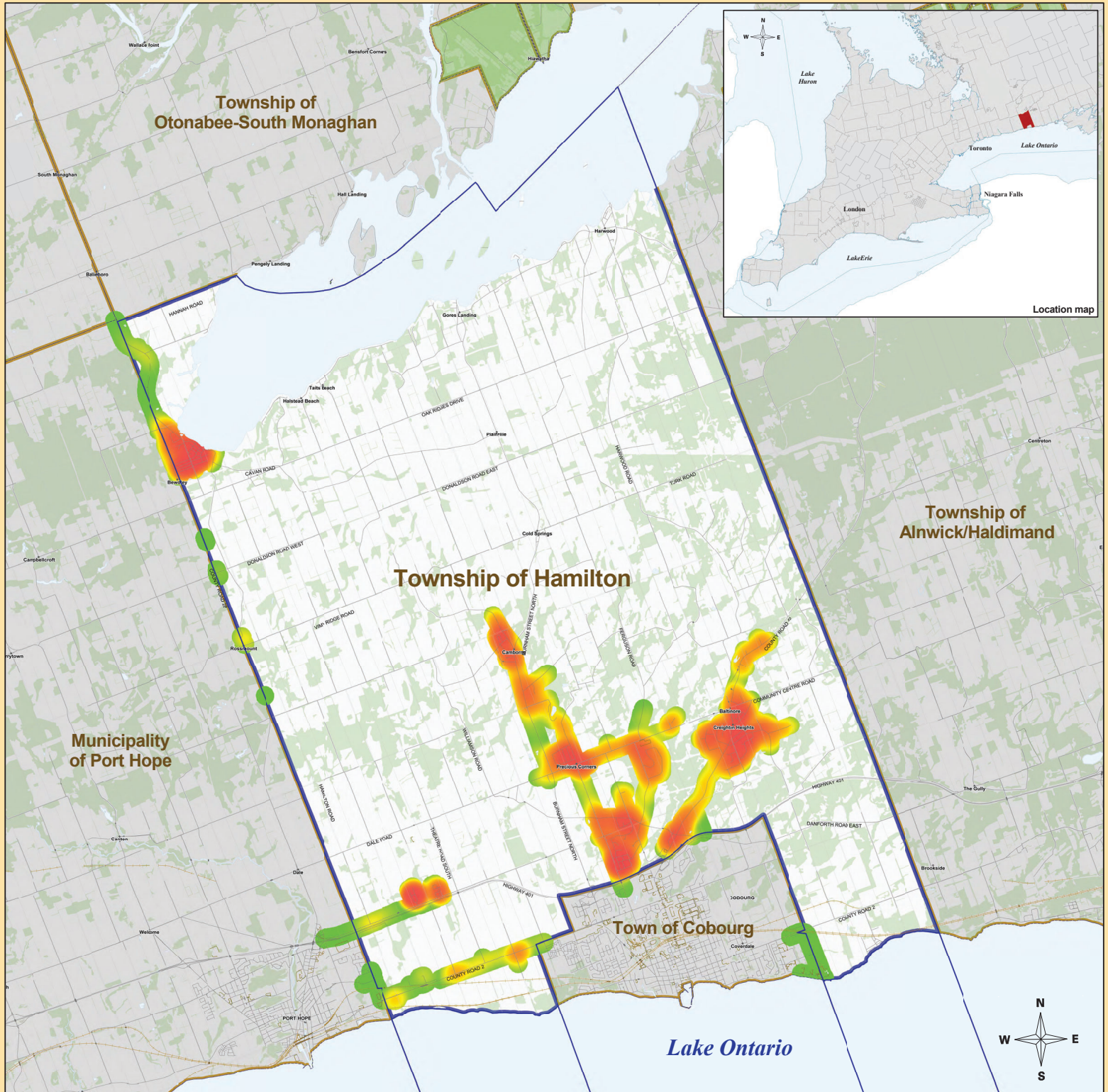
SCHEDULE B

MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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Location map

Legend

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

Customer Density

Low High

Township of Hamilton

0 1 2 3 4 5
Kilometers

Disclaimer:
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Legend

- Current Township of Hamilton Boundary
- Former Town of Cobourg
- Former Township of Hamilton
- Current Municipal and Township Boundaries
- Historical Municipal and Township Boundaries