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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0292

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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

By Delegation, before: **Theodore Antonopoulos**
 Vice President
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January 28, 2025

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 Collingwood.

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 Town of Collingwood.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspaper from November 7 to November 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 Town of Collingwood 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 Collingwood is a municipal corporation incorporated in 1858 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the County of Simcoe.

Enbridge Gas is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the Town of Collingwood, as it is currently constituted, through a combination of two certificates, the first issued in 1957 for the former Town of Collingwood, and the other issued in 1958 for the former Township of Nottawasaga.¹ In 1994, a portion of the former Township of Nottawasaga was annexed to the Town of Collingwood and the remaining parts of the former Township of Nottawasaga became part of the Township of Clearview. In 1997, a certificate was issued to Enbridge Gas for the supply of natural gas to the inhabitants of the Township of Clearview,² and this certificate covers all areas of the former Township of Nottawasaga that had been annexed to the Township of Clearview and previously covered by the 1958 certificate.

Through the application, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the Town of Collingwood as it is currently constituted, and which would cancel its 1957 certificate for the Town of Collingwood and those parts of the 1997 certificate related to the parts of the former Township of Nottawasaga annexed to the Town of Collingwood.

Enbridge Gas notes that, if the application is granted, there will be no change to its overall certificate rights in the Town of Collingwood. Enbridge Gas states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor holding a certificate for any part of the Town of Collingwood.

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the Town of Collingwood effective August 21, 2017.³ Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Town of The Blue Mountains, the Township of Clearview and the Town of Wasaga Beach, each of which is immediately adjacent to the Town of Collingwood.

¹ F.B.C 96 and F.B.C 265

² E.B.C. 266

³ EB-2017-0159

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Town of Collingwood. The issuance of a new certificate for the Town of Collingwood 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 Collingwood. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorizations for the Town of Collingwood. I also note that there are no other natural gas distributors 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 Collingwood. A current map of the Town of Collingwood is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes F.B.C. 96 and those parts of F.B.C. 265 related to the parts of the former Township of Nottawasaga annexed to the Town of Collingwood.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at January 28, 2025

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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

Town of Collingwood

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 96 and the parts of F.B.C 265 related to the former Township of Nottawasaga that formed the Town of Collingwood

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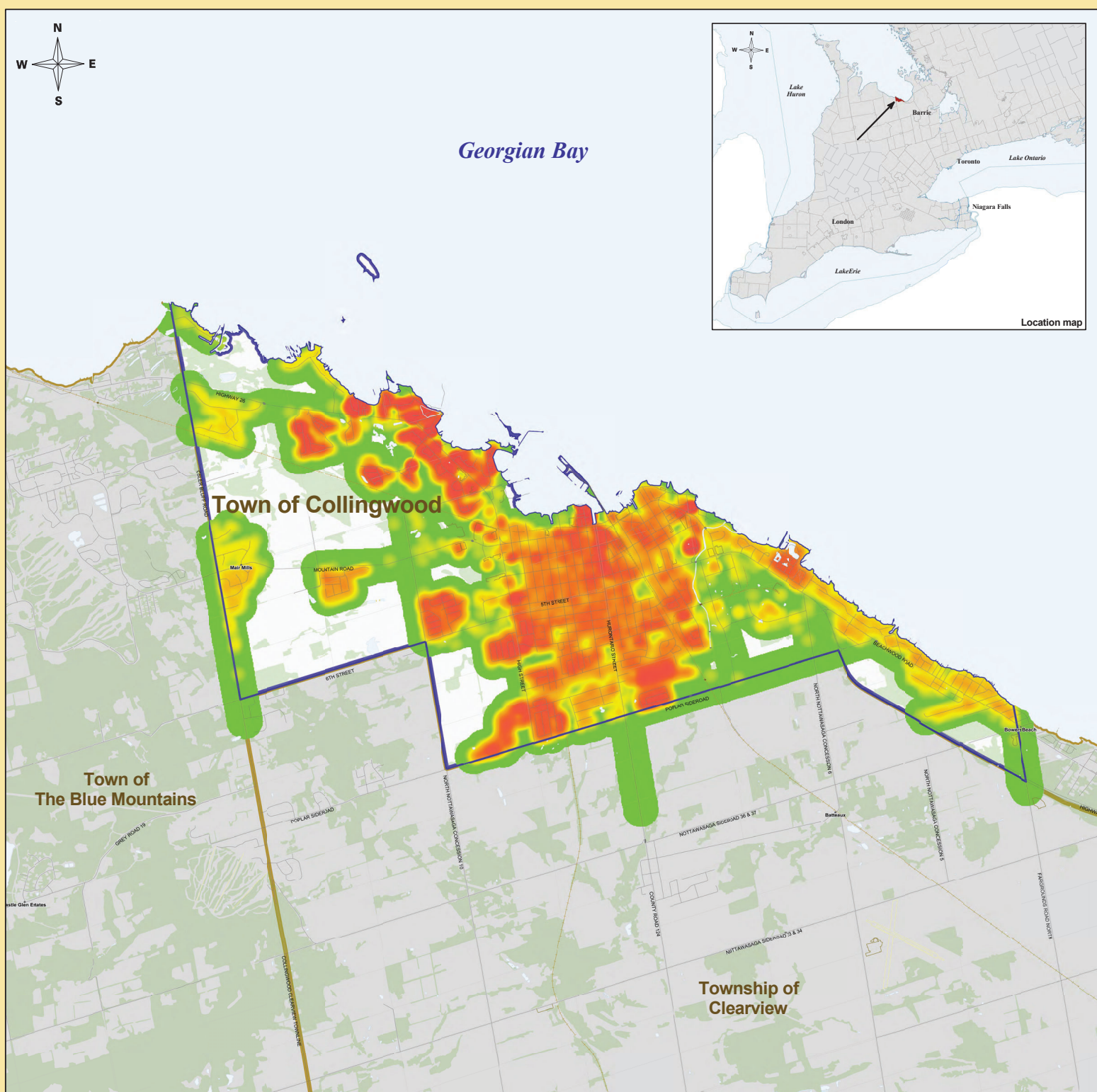
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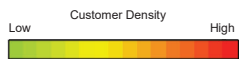
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SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD
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Legend

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



Town of Collingwood



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