



# **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2024-0298**

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

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

**By Delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos  
Vice President  
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**February 6, 2025**

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## 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 Barrie.

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## 2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on October 8, 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 Barrie.

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 City of Barrie 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 Barrie is a municipal corporation incorporated in under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a single-tier municipality located in the County of Simcoe.

The City of Barrie was incorporated in 1959 (prior to that time, it was known as the Town of Barrie). Enbridge Gas has served the Town/City of Barrie since 1957 and notes that its boundaries were enlarged as the result of numerous municipal reorganizations since then. As stated in the application:

- The Town of Barrie was incorporated as a city in 1959 and annexed parts of the former Township of Vespra in 1954, 1959, 1964, 1968 and 1984. The Town / City of Barrie annexed parts of the Town of Innisfil in 1959, 1967, 1970, 1982 and 1987. To plan for its continued growth, the City of Barrie annexed an additional 2,293 hectares of land from the Town of Innisfil on January 1, 2010.
- The Township of Springwater was formed in 1994 through the amalgamation of the former Township of Flos and the former Township of Vespra together with the former Village of Elmvalle and a portion of the former Township of Medonte. Enbridge Gas has a certificate dated May 24, 2018 (EB-2017-0342) for the Township of Springwater.
- The EB-2017-0342 Order approving a certificate for the Township of Springwater may have cancelled and superseded the certificates that had been in place for the former Village of Elmvalle (F.B.C. 203) and the former Township of Flos (F.B.C. 333), but only cancelled and superseded those parts of the certificate that had been in place for the former Township of Vespra (F.B.C. 314) that were annexed to the Township of Springwater.
- Cookstown, at the southwest extremity of the Town of Innisfil, became an incorporated village in 1962, with 100 acres of the former Township of Innisfil becoming part of Cookstown at that time. On January 1, 1991, by virtue of the *County of Simcoe Act, 1990*, the former Township of Innisfil, a northern section of the former Township of West Gwillimbury, the former Village of Cookstown and portions of the former Township of Tecumseth were amalgamated and incorporated as the Town of Innisfil.

- Enbridge Gas has a certificate dated August 11, 1966 (E.B.C. 53) for the former Township of Innisfil and a certificate dated January 9, 1979 (E.B.C. 104) for the former Village of Cookstown.

In the light of the foregoing, Enbridge Gas submits that it is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the City of Barrie, as it is currently constituted, through the combination of various certificates each covering different parts of the City of Barrie. Through the application, Enbridge Gas seeks an order cancelling its prior certificate authorizations relating to the City of Barrie and replacing them with a single certificate for the City as it is currently constituted. Specifically, Enbridge Gas seeks an order of the OEB cancelling the F.B.C. 165 certificate related to the former Town of Barrie, those parts of the F.B.C. 314 certificate related to the parts of the former Township of Vespra that were annexed into the City of Barrie, and those parts of the E.B.C. 53 certificate related to parts of the former Township of Innisfil annexed into the City of Barrie, and replacing them with a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the current City of Barrie.

Enbridge Gas states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor holding a certificate for any part of the City of Barrie.

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the City of Barrie, effective April 7, 2014.<sup>1</sup> Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Township of Springwater, the Township of Oro-Medonte, the Township of Essa, and the Town of Innisfil, each of which is immediately adjacent to the City of Barrie.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2013-0441

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## 4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the City of Barrie. The issuance of a new certificate for the City of Barrie 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 City of Barrie. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorizations for the City of Barrie. 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 City of Barrie. A current map of the City of Barrie is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes:
  - F.B.C. 165, related to the former Town of Barrie.
  - Those parts of F.B.C. 314 related to the former Township of Vespra that were annexed into the City of Barrie.
  - Those parts of E.B.C. 53 related to the former Township of Innisfil that were annexed into the City of Barrie.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, February 6, 2025

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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

### **City of Barrie**

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

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and F.B.C. 165 related to the former Town of Barrie, those parts of F.B.C. 314 related to the former Township of Vespra that were annexed into the City of Barrie, and those parts of E.B.C. 53 related to the former Township of Innisfil that were annexed into the City of Barrie.

**DATED** at Toronto, February 6, 2025

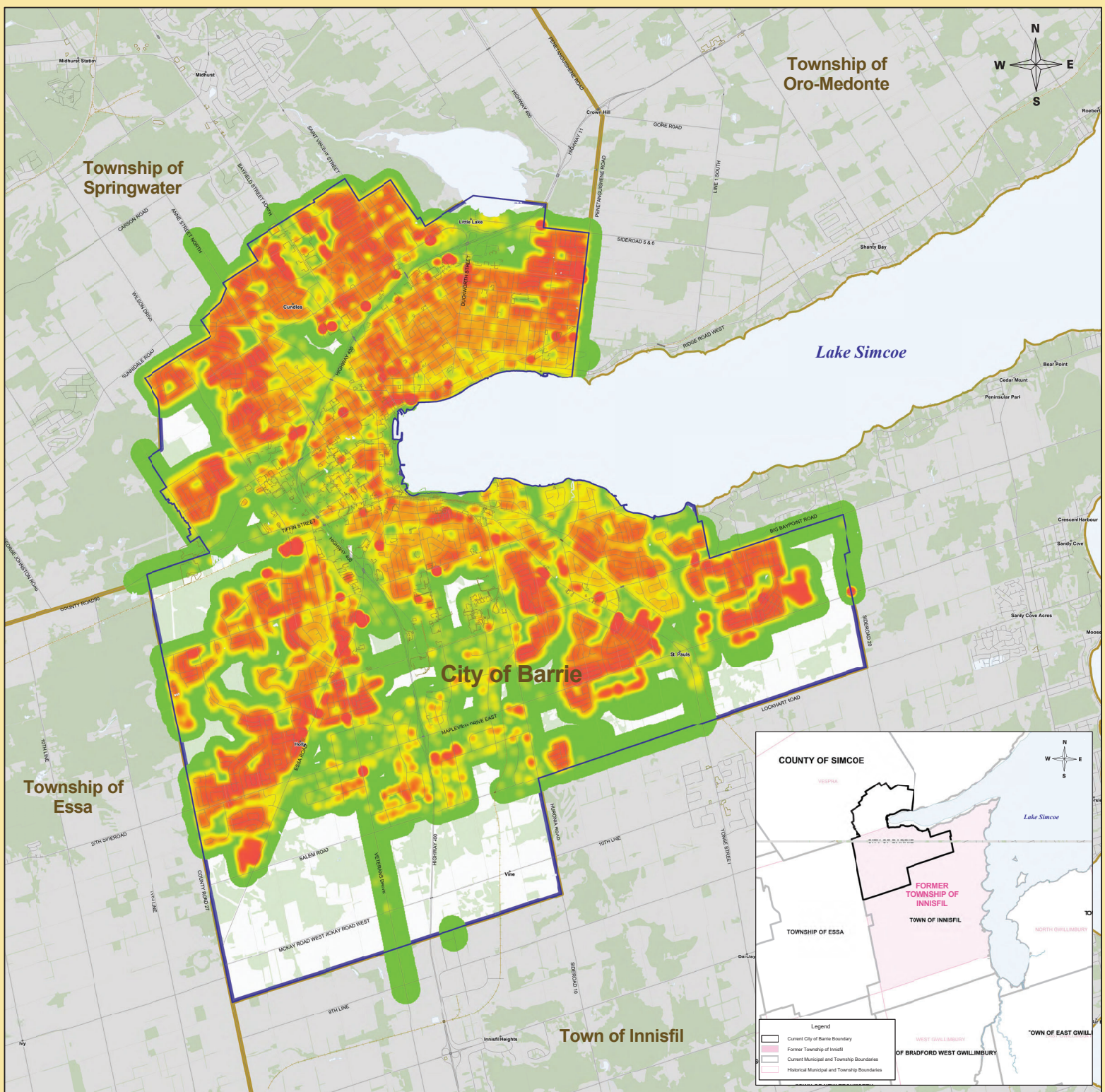
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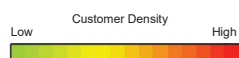
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**SCHEDULE B**  
**MAP OF THE CITY OF BARRIE**  
**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**  
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## Legend

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



## City of Barrie



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