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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0297

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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

By Delegation, before: **Theodore Antonopoulos**
 Vice President
 Major Applications

February 6, 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 Innisfil.

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 Town of Innisfil.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published on the Innisfiltoday.ca and Simcoe.com websites 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 Innisfil 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 Innisfil is a municipal corporation incorporated 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 Innisfil, as it is currently constituted, through several existing certificates in the names of its legacy municipalities, each of which covers different parts of the Town of Innisfil as it is currently constituted.¹

Enbridge Gas advises that it has been serving the Town of Innisfil since approximately 1967 and that, since that time, the Town has undergone a significant number of municipal reorganizations, involving the former Township of Innisfil, the Township of West Gwillimbury, the former Village of Cookstown and the former Township of Tecumseth. Enbridge Gas notes, for example, that the “Town / City of Barrie annexed parts of the Town of Innisfil in 1959, 1967, 1970, 1982 and 1987 [and] 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.”

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 Innisfil as it is currently constituted. Enbridge Gas requests that the order also cancel its prior certificate authorizations relating to the legacy municipalities that were annexed to or amalgamated into the current Town of Innisfil.

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

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the Town of Innisfil effective July 2, 2009.² Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the

¹ E.B.C 53 dated August 11, 1966 for the former Township of Innisfil; F.B.C 153 dated December 30, 1957 for the former Township of Tecumseth; E.B.C 104 dated January 8, 1979 for the former Village of Cookstown; F.B.C 319 for the former Township of West Gwillimbury dated July 14, 1959.

² EB-2008-0416

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, the Township of Essa, and the City of Barrie, each of which is immediately adjacent to the Town of Innisfil.

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Town of Innisfil. The issuance of a new certificate for the Town of Innisfil 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 Innisfil. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorizations for the Town of Innisfil. 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 Innisfil. A current map of the Town of Innisfil is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes
 - E.B.C. 53 (related to the former Township of Innisfil)
 - E.B.C. 104 (related to the former Village of Cookstown)
 - those parts of F.B.C. 153 related to the former Township of Tecumseth amalgamated into the Town of Innisfil
 - those parts of F.B.C. 319 related to the former Township of West Gwillimbury amalgamated into the Town of Innisfil
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at February 6, 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

Town of Innisfil

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

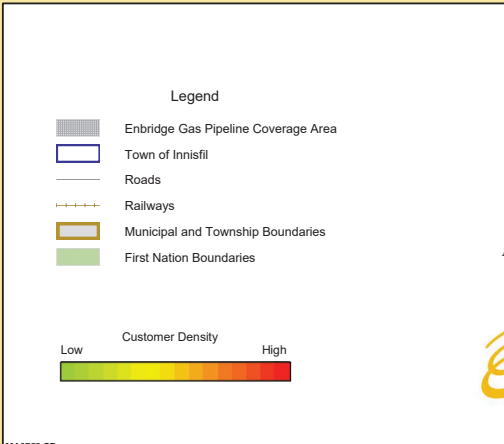
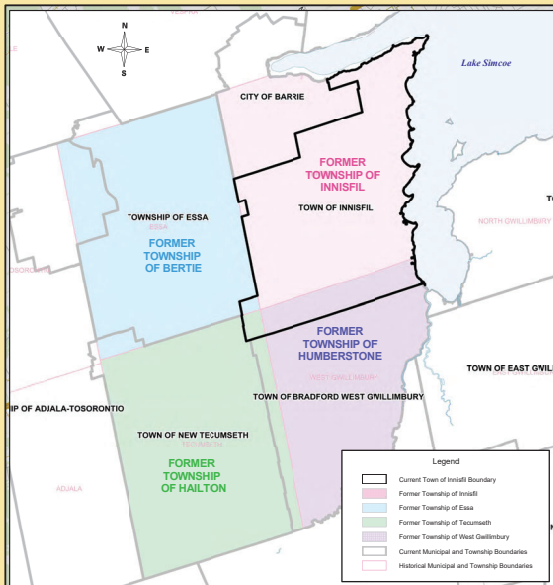
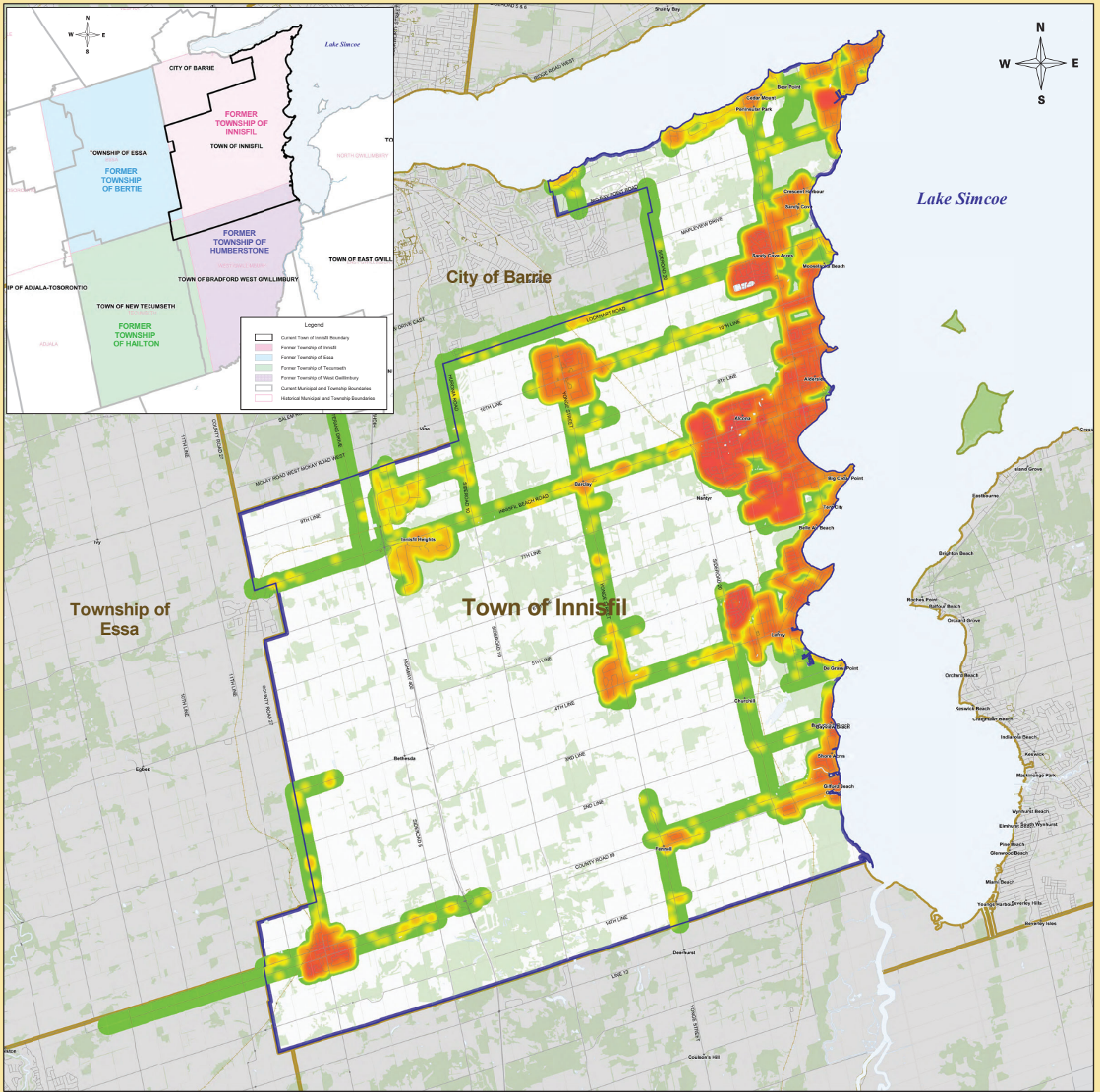
This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes E.B.C. 53, E.B.C. 104, those parts F.B.C 153 related to the former Township of Tecumseth amalgamated into the Town of Innisfil, and those parts of F.B.C. 319 related to the former Township of West Gwillimbury amalgamated into the Town of Innisfil.

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SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE TOWN OF INNISFIL
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Disclaimer:
 The map is provided with no warranty express or implied and is subject to change at any time. Any Person using the Density Map shall do so at its own Risk and the Density Map is not intended in any way As a tool to locate underground infrastructure for the purposes of excavation

