

DECISION AND ORDER EB-2024-0310

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Town of Carleton Place

By Delegation, before: Theodore Antonopoulos

Vice President Major Applications

February 20, 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 Carleton Place.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on October 22, 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 Carleton Place.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published on the insideottawavalley.com website between November 14, 2024 to November 21, 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 Carleton Place 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 Carleton Place is a municipal corporation incorporated in 1890 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the County of Lanark.

Enbridge Gas has been providing gas distribution services within the Town of Carleton Place since approximately 1957. The boundaries of Township have changed since then, as the result of a municipal reorganization in 2012, when the Town of Carleton Place annexed parts of the Township of Beckwith.

Enbridge Gas holds a certificate dated December 9, 1957 for the Town of Carleton Place (F.B.C. 132) and a certificate dated December 9, 1957 for the Township of Beckwith (F.B.C. 142).

In the light of the foregoing, Enbridge Gas submits it is authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the Town of Carleton Place, as it is currently constituted, through the combination of the above certificates each covering different parts of the Town of Carleton Place. Through the application, Enbridge Gas seeks an order cancelling F.B.C. 132 relating to the Town of Carleton Place and those parts of F.B.C. 142 that were annexed into the Town of Carleton Place, and replacing them with a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the current Town of Carleton Place.

Enbridge Gas states that it is not aware of any other natural gas distributor within the Town of Carleton Place or any area adjacent to it.

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the Town of Carleton Place effective March 12, 2019. Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Township of Beckwith and the Town of Mississippi Mills, each of which is immediately adjacent to the Town of Carleton Place.

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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 Town of Carleton Place. The issuance of a new certificate for the Town of Carleton Place 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 Carleton Place. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorizations for the Town of Carleton Place. I also note that there are no other natural gas distributors within the certificate area.

5 ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 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 Carleton Place. A current map of the Town of Carleton Place is attached as Schedule B.
- 2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes:
 - F.B.C. 132, related to the Town of Carleton Place.
 - Those parts of F.B.C. 142 related to the former Township of Beckwith annexed into the Town of Carleton Place.
- 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 20, 2025

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Theodore Antonopoulos Vice President Major Applications

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

Town of Carleton Place

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. 132, related to the Town of Carleton Place and those parts of F.B.C. 142 related to the former Township of Beckwith annexed into the Town of Carleton Place.

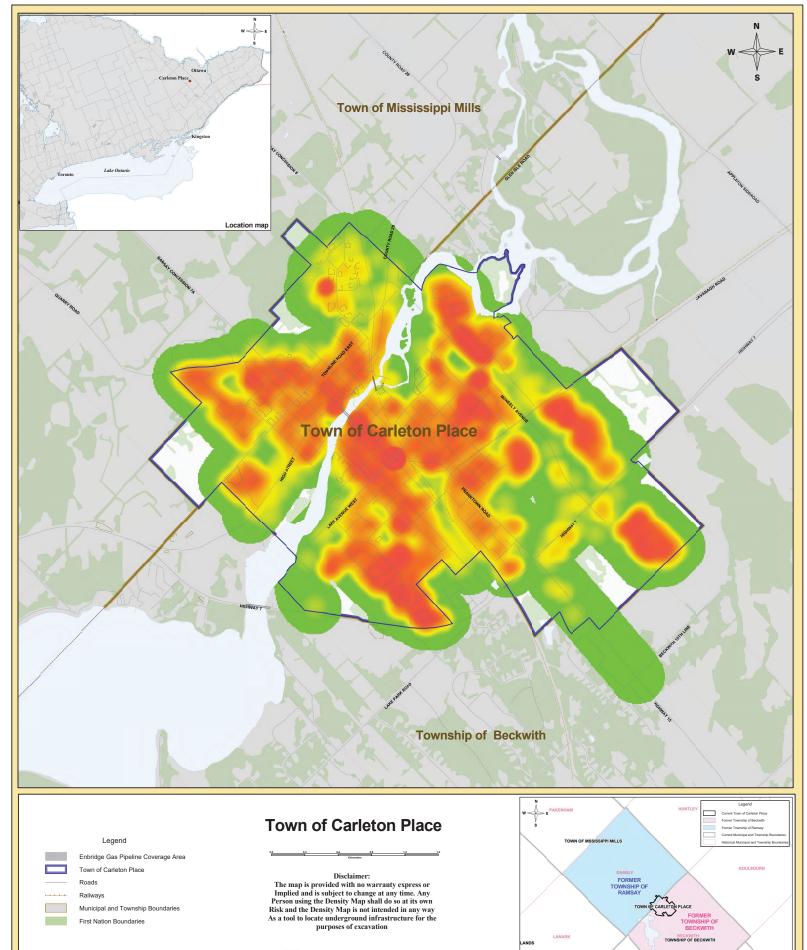
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SCHEDULE B MAP OF THE TOWN OF CARLETON PLACE ENBRIDGE GAS INC. EB-2024-0310 FEBRUARY 20, 2025

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