



DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0335

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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

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

March 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 Township of Champlain.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on November 14, 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 Champlain.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the local newspapers, *The Review* and the *Le Regional* on December 4 and December 10, 2024, respectively. 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 Champlain 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 Champlain is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

The Township of Champlain was formed on January 1, 1998 through the amalgamation of West Hawkesbury Township, Longueuil Township, the Town of Vankleek Hill, and the Village of L'Original. On January 1, 2016, the Town of Hawkesbury annexed part of the Township of Champlain.

Enbridge Gas holds a certificate dated December 3, 2015, for the Township of Champlain.¹ Through the application, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB cancelling its existing certificate and granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Champlain as it is currently constituted.

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

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the Township of Champlain effective March 10, 2016.² Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet, the Municipality of The Nation, and the Township of North Glengarry which are immediately adjacent to the Township of Champlain.

¹ EB-2015-0284

² Ibid.

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Township of Champlain. The issuance of a new certificate for the Township of Champlain 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 Township of Champlain. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorization for the Township of Champlain. 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 to supply natural gas in the Township of Champlain. A current map of the Township of Champlain is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes: EB-2015-0284.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at March 6, 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

Township of Champlain

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

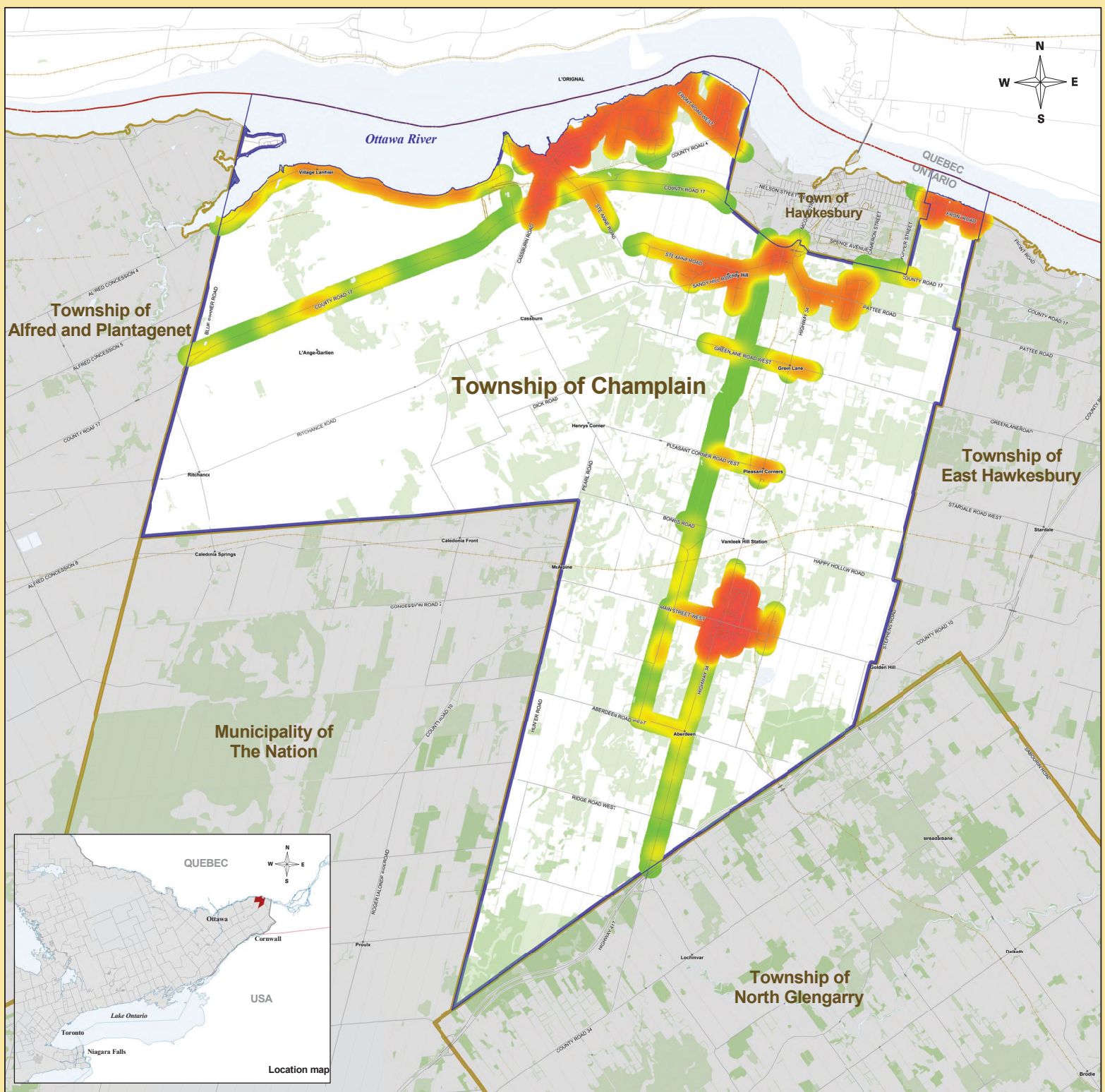
This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes EB-2015-0284 for the Township of Champlain.

DATED March 6, 2025

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SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN
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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



Historical Boundaries

