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DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0329

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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

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

March 13, 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 Hawkesbury.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on November 7, 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 Hawkesbury.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the Review newspaper on December 4, 2024, and Le Régional newspaper on December 10, 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 Hawkesbury 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 Hawkesbury is a municipal corporation incorporated in 1896 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

On January 1, 2016, the Town of Hawkesbury annexed part of the Township of Champlain pursuant to an Order made under the *Municipal Act*. Enbridge Gas holds a certificate dated December 9, 1957, for the Town of Hawkesbury (F.B.C. 134). 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 Town of Hawkesbury as it is currently constituted.

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

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the Town of Hawkesbury effective September 25, 2017.¹ Enbridge Gas also has a franchise agreements with, and certificate for, the Township of Champlain which is immediately adjacent to the Town of Hawkesbury.

¹ EB-2017-0204

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Town of Hawkesbury. The issuance of a new certificate for the Town of Hawkesbury 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 Town of Hawkesbury. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorization for the Town of Hawkesbury. 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 Town of Hawkesbury. A current map of the Town of Hawkesbury is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes: F.B.C. 134.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto March 13, 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 Hawkesbury

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

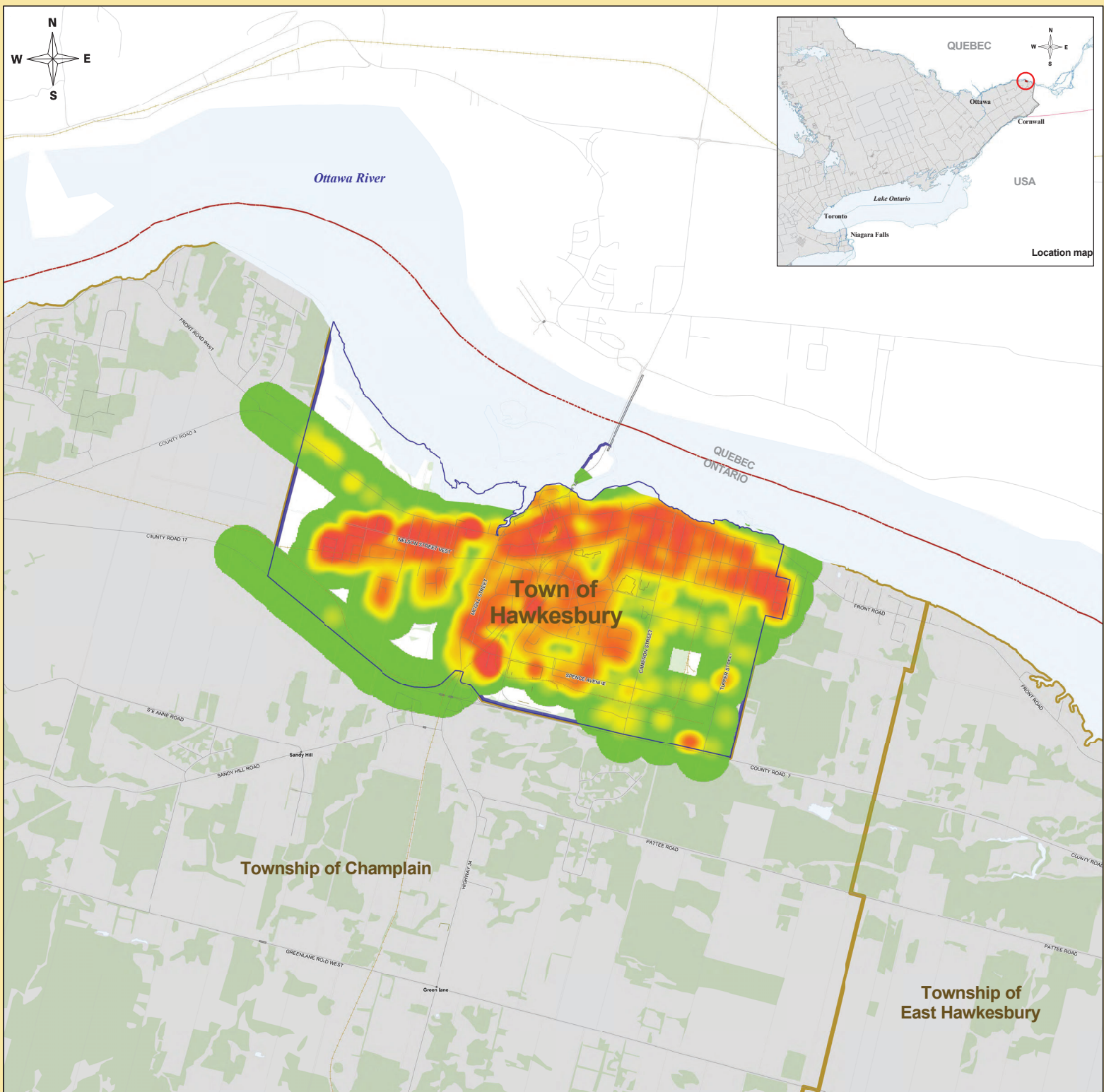
This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes F.B.C. 134 for the Town of Hawkesbury.

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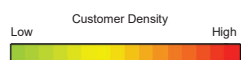
SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE TOWN OF HAWKESBURY
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Town of Hawkesbury

Legend

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



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Historical Boundaries

