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**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas”)  
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) File No: EB-2023-0261  
Neustadt Community Expansion Project (“Project”)**

On May 23, 2024, the OEB issued its Decision and Order for the above noted proceeding which included, as Schedule A, several Conditions of Approval.

Per Condition of Approval 7 (a) in the Decision and Order, Enbridge Gas is to provide the OEB with a post construction report within three months of the in-service date. Please find enclosed a copy of the post construction report for Watford Pipeline Project.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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# **Neustadt Community Expansion Project Post Construction Report EB-2023-0261**

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## Executive Summary

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 90 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B for an order granting leave to construct approximately 12 kilometers (km) of a polyethylene (PE) natural gas main pipeline ranging from Nominal Pipe Size (NPS) 2" to 6", located in the Municipality of West Grey, Ontario primarily in the road allowance of 10<sup>th</sup> Road and in addition, approximately 1 km of NPS 6" PE reinforcement installed along 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Hanover, also all in the road allowance. This combined work made up the Neustadt Community Expansion Project. The OEB issued Leave to Construct (LTC) for the Project on May 23, 2024, subject to the *Conditions of Approval (COA)* contained in *Schedule A - Decision and Order* in the *EB-2023-0261* proceeding.

As part of the *LTC COA*, Enbridge Gas is required to complete a *Post Construction Report* to be filed to the OEB within three months of the in-service date. As reported to the OEB, the Project's in-service date was December 14, 2024, making the filing date for the *Post Construction Report* March 14, 2025, as per condition 7. a) of *Schedule A - Decision and Order - Enbridge Gas Inc. - EB-2023-0261 - COA*. Enbridge Gas will file the *Final Monitoring Report* with the OEB by June 1, 2026, as per condition 7. b) of the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order*.

This Post Construction Report has been prepared in support of the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order* (OEB 2023), detailing the reporting requirements upon completion of the Project and the actual environmental conditions of the right-of-way (ROW) current to December 1, 2024. Additional information collected after December 1, 2024, will be included in the *Final Monitoring Report* to be filed with the OEB by June 1, 2026. The scope includes requirements outlined in the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order*.

During construction there was ongoing consultation with regulatory authorities (i.e., Saugeen Conservation, etc.), landowners, residents, and other stakeholders. There were no significant (material) changes or modifications to construction mitigations from the approved recommendations identified in the *Environmental Report* filed with the OEB.

Many of the potential environmental effects outlined in the ER were avoided or reduced by locating the pipeline in the previously disturbed municipal road ROW and using horizontal directional drilling methodologies. Due to work being conducted within sensitive timing windows for species potentially in the ROW, additional environmental monitoring (nest sweeps) was conducted in advance of open trench work. Work scheduling was adjusted specifically to accommodate timing windows (i.e. adhering to cold water timing windows for all HDD activity and work under watercourses as per SVCA specifications. Other potential environmental effects were further reduced by implementing appropriate feature specific mitigation measures and proactively stabilizing disturbed areas as soon as possible after construction.

Construction of the pipeline commenced on August 19, 2024, and achieved an in-service date of December 14, 2024. Restoration was proactive, with temporary stabilization and clean-up occurring throughout construction. However, due to the time of year that the pipeline was installed, final restoration was not completed and deferred until spring 2025.



Construction activities were carried out with consideration of the environment and the residents located adjacent to the construction area. Appropriate mitigation and monitoring measures were implemented during all phases of construction for the Project to assess and reduce potential impacts. Good communication practices and meetings were key to conveying an understanding of responsibilities and reducing the likelihood of adverse environmental effects.

Enbridge Gas was transparent with issues identified during construction, swiftly responded to complaints or issues as they were identified, reported issues to the appropriate regulatory authority as required and determined and implemented appropriate remedial measures to address each issue. At the time of writing, there were three outstanding complaints regarding the Project that will be addressed in spring 2025. Potential future issues would be reported and addressed in the *Final Monitoring Report* (June 2026).

Currently the ROW has been temporarily stabilized and scheduled to undergo final restoration in spring 2025. Monitoring will be conducted in 2025 to evaluate the success of restoration measures and address any deficiencies as required. A spring 2026 monitoring site visit may occur if necessary.

Provided that outstanding commitments identified in this report are addressed, no significant residual or cumulative effects on environmental and/or socio-economic features are anticipated from the construction of the Project.



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## Acronyms / Abbreviations

AA	Archaeological Assessments
CA	Conservation Authority
CHR	Cultural Heritage Resources
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
EASR	Environmental Activity Sector Registry
ECA	Environmental Compliance Approval
EI	Environmental Inspector
Enbridge Gas	Enbridge Gas Inc.
EPP	Environmental Protection Plan
ER	Environmental Report
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
ESA, 2007	<i>Endangered Species Act, 2007</i>
ESC	Erosion and Sediment Control
HADD	Harmful Alteration, Disruption and Destruction
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drill
IR	Inadvertent Release of Drilling Fluid
km	kilometer
MBCA	<i>Migratory Bird Convention Act</i>
MCM	Ministry of Civilization and Multiculturalism
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MNRF	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
NPS	Nominal Pipe Size
OEB	Ontario Energy Board



**Neustadt Community Expansion Project Post Construction Report EB-2023-0261**

Acronyms / Abbreviations

March 13, 2025

PCEM	Post-Construction Environmental Monitoring
PE	Polyethylene
PR	Preferred Route
PTTW	Permit to Take Water
QP	qualified person
ROW	Right-of-way
SAR	Species at Risk
SVCA	Saugen Valley Conservation Authority
the Project	Neustadt Community Expansion Project
TWS	Temporary Workspace
ZOI	Zone of Influence



# 1 Introduction

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) completed an application to construct the Neustadt Community Expansion Project (the Project) to supply the community of Neustadt with affordable natural gas. The Project is located in the Municipality of West Grey, Ontario and consisted of approximately 12 kilometers (km) of polyethylene (PE) natural gas main pipeline and approximately 1 km of reinforcement pipeline in Hanover. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued *Leave to Construct* (LTC) for the Project on May 23, 2024, subject to the *Conditions of Approval* (COA) contained in *Schedule A - Decision and Order* in the EB-2023-0261 proceeding.

As part of the LTC COA, Enbridge Gas is required to complete a *Post Construction Report* to be filed with the OEB within three months of the in-service date and a *Final Monitoring Report* within 15 months of the in-service date, or on June 1 if the deadline falls between December 1 and May 31. As reported to the OEB, the Project's in-service date was December 14, 2024, making the filing date for the *Post Construction Report* March 14, 2025, as per condition 7. a) of *Schedule A - Decision and Order - Enbridge Gas Inc. - EB-2023-0261 - COA*. Enbridge Gas will file the *Final Monitoring Report* with the OEB by June 1, 2026, as per condition 7. b) of the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order*.

## 1.1 Scope

This *Post Construction Report* has been prepared in support of the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order* (OEB 2023), detailing the reporting requirements upon completion of the Project and the actual environmental conditions of the right-of-way (ROW) current to December 14, 2024. Additional information collected after December 14, 2024, will be included in the *Final Monitoring Report* to be filed with the OEB by June 1, 2026.

The scope includes requirements outlined in the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order*. Specifically, the scope of this *Post Construction Report* will include the following *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order - COA*:

7. *Both during and after construction, Enbridge Gas shall monitor the impacts of construction, and shall file with the OEB one electronic (searchable PDF) version of each of the following reports:*
  - a) *a post construction report, within three months of the in-service date, which shall:*
    - i. *provide a certification, by a senior executive of the company, of Enbridge Gas' adherence to Condition 1;*
    - ii. *describe any impacts and outstanding concerns identified during construction;*
    - iii. *describe the actions taken or planned to be taken to prevent or mitigate any identified impacts of construction;*
    - iv. *include a log of all complaints received by Enbridge Gas, including the date/time the complaint was received, a description of the complaint, any actions taken to address the complaint, the rationale for taking such actions; and*



- v. *provide a certification, by a senior executive of the company, that the company has obtained all other approvals, permits, licences, and certificates required to construct, operate and maintain the proposed project.*
- b) *a final monitoring report, no later than fifteen months after the in-service date, or, where the deadline falls between December 1 and May 31, the following June 1, which shall:*
  - i. *provide a certification, by a senior executive of the company, of Enbridge Gas' adherence to Condition 4;*
  - ii. *describe the condition of any rehabilitated land;*
  - iii. *describe the effectiveness of any actions taken to prevent or mitigate any identified impacts of construction;*
  - iv. *include the results of analyses and monitoring programs and any recommendations arising therefrom;*
  - v. *and include a log of all complaints received by Enbridge Gas, including the date/time the complaint was received, a description of the complaint, any actions taken to address the complaint, the rationale for taking such actions."*

The full *Schedule A EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order* can be found in Appendix E.



## 2 The Project

### 2.1 Project Description

Enbridge Gas constructed the Project to supply the community of Neustadt in the Municipality of West Grey with natural gas and involved the construction of approximately 12 km of 2"- 6" inch nominal pipe size (NPS) PE natural gas pipeline primarily located in the road allowance of 10<sup>th</sup> Line. In addition, approximately 1 km of NPS 6" PE reinforcement was required to be installed along 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Hanover, in the existing road allowance.

Construction of the pipeline commenced on August 19, 2024, and had an in-service date of December 14, 2024. Restoration was proactive with temporary stabilization and clean-up occurring throughout construction. However, due to the time of year that the pipeline was installed, final restoration at some areas of the Project was required to be deferred until spring 2025.

The *Environmental Report* (ER) (Stantec 2023) developed in support of the Project, consultation, and the permitting process identified various timing restrictions for construction to avoid breeding and active periods for birds, turtles, bats and aquatic species. Enbridge Gas adhered to construction timing restrictions whenever possible but due to an August 19 start date, construction activities did encroach within the bird nesting timing window and as such, required bird nesting sweeps to be conducted in advance of ongoing construction activities where the ROW would be impacted by open cut trenching. Bird nests that were discovered during sweeps were identified and isolated with appropriate setbacks as outlined in the EPP.

#### 2.1.1 Supporting Studies for the Project

In support of permitting requirements for the Project, Enbridge Gas coordinated the execution of field studies and the preparation of respective reports to file with the appropriate provincial regulators and to assist with the design, construction, and development of mitigation measures. Table 2.1 lists the reports that were generated for the Project and Table 2.2 lists permits/approvals received.



**Table 2.1 Environmental Studies Completed for the Project**

Report Title	Author	Date
<i>Neustadt Community Expansion Project: Environmental Report</i>	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	August 23, 2023
<i>Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment: Neustadt Community Expansion Project</i>	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	January 22, 2025,
<i>Information Gathering Form for activities that may affect species or habitat protected under the Endangered Species Act</i>	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	December 1, 2023
<i>Cultural Heritage Report – Enbridge Gas Inc. Neustadt Community Expansion</i>	Stantec Consulting Inc.	April 24, 2024
<i>Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment: Neustadt Community Expansion Project</i>	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	January 29, 2025
<i>Neustadt Community Expansion Project: Environmental Protection Plan</i>	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	August 1, 2024
<i>Assessment of Past Uses – Neustadt Community Expansion Project, Hanover, Ontario</i>	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	February 20, 2024
<i>Excess Soil Characterization Report – Neustadt Community Expansion Project, Neustadt, Ontario</i>	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	July 23, 2024

**Table 2.2 Environmental Permits/Clearances for the Project**

Approval	Issuing Agency	Date of Issue	Expiration Date
Leave to Construct	OEB	May 23, 2024	N/A
<i>Conservation Authorities Act, Permit 24-112</i>	SVCA	May 17, 2024	May 17, 2026
<i>Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports - Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment P422-0035-2023</i>	MCM	January 22, 2025	N/A
<i>Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports - Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment P422-0047-2023</i>	MCM	January 29, 2025	N/A
<i>DFO and Enbridge Gas Inc. Agreement related to Watercourse Crossings for Pipeline Construction and Maintenance in Ontario</i>	DFO	March 22, 2022	N/A

Notes:

N/A – Not applicable

OEB – Ontario Energy Board

SVCA – Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority



## 2.2 Modifications to the Project

Pursuant to condition 5 of the COA contained in the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order*, Enbridge Gas shall advise the OEB of any proposed change to OEB-approved construction or restoration procedures. There were no changes to OEB-approved construction or restoration procedures during construction and restoration of the Project.

## 2.3 Environmental Protection Plan

A comprehensive Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) (Stantec 2024) was developed for the Project and was distributed in both hard and electronic copies to supervisory Project personnel including Enbridge Gas Site Inspectors, Environmental Inspectors (EI) and Contractor Foremen.

Environmental alignment sheets, included in the EPP, provided an environmental feature overview of each segment of the pipeline. The air photo-based mapping illustrated the location of key environmental and socio-economic features both within and adjacent to the pipeline alignment. The environmental alignment sheets also identified and described items such as conservation authority (CA) regulated areas, wetland and watercourse locations, construction timing windows, vegetation clearing windows, feature crossing method, potential species at risk (SAR) locations, and built cultural heritage properties and landscapes.

The Project staff used the EPP in conjunction with the environmental permit conditions. If there were any variances between the EPP and permit conditions, Enbridge Gas supervisory staff and/or the EI flagged the variances and reviewed them with construction staff prior to initiation of construction at the site. Whenever there was overlap or variances between the commitments in the EPP, permits, or other Project documents, the most stringent commitment was adopted.



### 3 Executive Certification

To address condition 7(a)(i) and (v) within the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order - COA*, Appendix A provides certification by a senior executive of Enbridge Gas regarding adherence to condition 1 of the *COA* and that the company has obtained all other approvals, permits, licences, and certificates required to construct, operate and maintain the Project.



## 4 Mitigation Measures and Compliance

To address condition 7(a)(iii) within the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order - COA*, the following section outlines the primary mitigation measures implemented during construction. These measures were implemented to reduce the potential for environmental and socio-economic effects from construction of the Project and to identify and rectify any deviations from the proposed mitigation measures initially identified in the ER. See Appendix C for photos of mitigation measures implemented throughout construction and the current conditions of the ROW.

### 4.1 Environmental Training

Prior to construction, training on the EPP and additional environmental permitting commitments was delivered by the EI and the Enbridge Gas Environmental Advisor to Project and contractor supervisory staff. Training occurred on August 13, 2024, and included a comprehensive review of regulatory requirements and CA permitting conditions; environmental alignment sheets; SAR commitments; important timing windows; cultural heritage monitoring requirements; archaeological considerations; watercourse and wetland crossing requirements; documentation of landowner and Indigenous issues and concerns; socioeconomic considerations; and contingency planning.

### 4.2 Environmental Inspection Program

Enbridge Gas contracted Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) to provide a trained EI that was a Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control. The EI conducted regularly scheduled inspections during construction as well as additional inspection during and after major weather events or when construction was occurring near sensitive environmental features as required.

The EI's main responsibilities were:

- assist Enbridge Gas and the contractor in being compliant with environmental commitments, undertakings and conditions of environmental permits and approvals
- to observe and document that mitigation and protection measures were being implemented and maintained to be effective
- communicate to workers and inspectors the environmental sensitivities and permit requirements for the site when the EI was not on-site
- to observe and document that work was completed in accordance with applicable environmental regulations and Enbridge Gas policies, procedures, and specifications
- to provide onsite monitoring of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) activities when necessary

Since most of the pipeline construction occurred in the road allowance in areas that had little potential for environmental impact, inspection typically occurred on a weekly basis during construction to assist in confirming that construction staff adhered to environmental commitments during construction activities.



## **4.3 Pipeline and Facilities Construction**

Appropriate mitigation measures were established during construction for the Project to reduce the potential for impacts. On-going communication during construction between Enbridge Gas supervisory and inspection staff, the Contractor, and EI, was key to review proposed work, understand timing constraints and key mitigation requirements, responsibilities for Project workers, and to discuss opportunities for the reduction of potential adverse environmental effects.

Many of the potential environmental impacts were avoided by locating the Project in the previously disturbed municipal ROW and using HDD under sensitive features including wetlands and watercourses. Other potential adverse environmental effects were reduced by implementing appropriate mitigation measures and common management practices including observing construction timing windows whenever possible and reducing potential interactions during sensitive breeding and active periods; implementing, inspecting, and maintaining erosion and sediment control (ESC) measures; and proactively reclaiming disturbed areas as soon as possible following construction whenever possible.

### **4.3.1 Suspect/Contaminated Soils and Spills**

There were no suspect and/or contaminated soils observed during construction. No spills were identified through the environmental monitoring program.

### **4.3.2 Wildlife**

#### **4.3.2.1 Migratory Birds**

Most of the construction was scheduled to occur outside the migratory bird nesting restricted activity period (i.e., April 1 to August 31) in 2024, therefore, potential impacts to avian species were avoided during construction. During the month of August and therefore within the timing window, additional pre-construction avian sweeps were conducted in areas where open cut excavations were scheduled to occur with no issues identified.

#### **4.3.2.2 Turtles**

Wetlands and watercourse crossings were installed via HDD to reduce the potential for impacts to turtles and their habitat. Additionally, pre-construction monitoring / sweeps that specifically targeted turtle habitat was conducted before and during all related activities near watercourses and wetlands. No turtle related issues were observed.

#### **4.3.2.3 Species at Risk**

Project construction avoided sensitive SAR habitat by placing the pipeline in the previously disturbed municipal ROW and implementing HDD, which significantly reduced conflicts with SARs. Where avoidance of habitat was not possible and construction occurred within sensitive timing windows, visual encounter sweeps were conducted. Table 4.1 provides a list of SARs potentially impacted because of



construction and the key mitigation measures exercised to address potential impacts. The complete set of mitigations can be found in the Environmental Report

**Table 4.1 Species at Risk Mitigation Measures**

SAR	Timing Window and/or Regulatory Guidelines	Key Mitigation Measures
Bats	April 1 - September 30 (Roosting Season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No tree clearing/pruning was required for the Project.</li> <li>Due to construction occurring within the active window, visual sweeps for potential roosting habitats were conducted.</li> </ul>
Bobolink ( <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i> )	May 1 and July 31 (Breeding Season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pipeline was installed in the road ROW, outside of potential habitat.</li> <li>Due to construction occurring within the regulatory timing window, nest sweeps were conducted in advance of work.</li> </ul>
Eastern Meadowlark ( <i>Sturnella magna</i> )	May 1 – July 31 (Breeding Season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pipeline was installed in the road ROW, outside of potential habitat.</li> <li>Due to construction occurring within the regulatory timing window, visual encounter surveys and aided by acoustic identification technology were used.</li> </ul>
Blanding's Turtle ( <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> )	April 1 – October 31 (Active Season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction in potential Blanding's Turtle habitat occurred outside of the active turtle window.</li> </ul>

### 4.3.3 Aquatic Species and Watercourse/Wetland Crossings

The primary concerns regarding the potential effects of pipeline construction on fish and fish habitat are species viability and potential impacts during spawning/nursery activities. Both concerns were significantly reduced by using trenchless crossing techniques (HDD). Watercourse crossings, including the major crossings of the Saugeen and Lower Saugeen Rivers were completed by HDD and in conformance with the DFO and Enbridge Gas Inc. Agreement related to Watercourse Crossings for Pipeline Construction and Maintenance in Ontario (2022). CA permits were obtained and reviewed prior to construction with applicable parties and were kept onsite for the duration of the Project. Watercourses were crossed as per the permit granted by Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA).

During construction, watercourses were not obstructed in a way that could impede the free movement of water or fish. Drilling equipment (e.g., drill rig, support equipment, sump) was set up a minimum of 30 m from watercourses. Vegetation clearing was limited to areas required for excavation and grading, with ESC measures implemented to prevent off-site sediment migration into watercourses during drilling.

Neither SVCA or DFO personnel inspected and/or monitored the regulated watercourse crossings during construction. Watercourse crossing sites were inspected and monitored by the Stantec EI, Enbridge Gas Site Inspectors and Enbridge Gas' Contractor.



All wetlands that encroached into the municipal road ROW were crossed by HDD. No tie-in pits were located within wetlands, and the entrance and exit pits were set back 30 m from the edge of wetlands where possible.

Backfilling, restoration (when possible), and stabilization in sensitive wetlands and near water crossings was prioritized and implemented directly after the completion of the drilling. Environmental inspection occurred regularly during the Project to assess the conditions of the environmental protection measures and recommend improvements, as appropriate, to prevent impacts to aquatic resources.

#### **4.3.3.1 Inadvertent Fluid Release Prevention, Monitoring and Emergency Response**

Potential effects during HDD include siltation and sedimentation during a surface release of drilling fluid or because of erosion and sediment transport during significant precipitation events. To reduce the risk of potential erosion and sedimentation from HDD activities and an inadvertent release of drilling fluid (IR), ESC mitigation measures were established at drilling sites. A potential IR to the environment was mitigated through the installation of protection measures prior to the onset of drilling and having the appropriate spill response materials (e.g., silt fence, straw bales, vacuum trucks, etc.) readily available during drilling. The potential for off-site sediment transfer was reduced by establishing ESC measures at the HDD entrance and exit pits and limiting grading and overall disturbances where possible.

Prior to drilling, emergency response materials and heavy equipment (vacuum trucks/backhoes) as described in the ER and EPP were stationed onsite near the subject watercourses and wetlands in an accessible location. During HDD, the Contractor continually monitored drilling fluid volumes and pressure conditions in the borehole and carried out regular ground surface inspections along and within 30 m of the drill path.

There were no IRs or other losses of drilling fluid observed into sensitive features (wetlands/watercourses), or their buffer during HDD activities.

#### **4.3.4 Archaeology**

The archaeological work for the Project was completed in accordance with the Ministry of Civilization and Multiculturalism's (MCM) 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists*. The Stage 1 archaeological assessment (AA) of the study area for the Project, involved background research and property inspection which determined that portions of the study area retained potential for the identification and documentation of archaeological resources and therefore, required a Stage 2 AA. The Stage 1 AA also determined that portions of the study area within the municipal road ROW and/or within permanently low and wet conditions retain low to no archaeological potential due to extensive disturbance. The portions of the study area which retain low to no potential for the identification or recovery of archaeological resources, therefore, do not require a Stage 2 AA.

The Project's footprint was designed to avoid construction impacts to archaeological resources when possible. A Stage 2 AA for the Project was completed to assess areas with potential for archaeological resources that intersect the ROW and temporary lands required to facilitate construction. The Stage 2 AA



determined that no archaeological resources were identified in these areas. Archaeological work for the Project was documented in a series of AA reports and submitted to the MCM for review and inclusion in the *Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports*.

Supervisory staff were trained during the Environmental Training (Section 4.1) on contingency plans in the event of the discovery of potential heritage resources (artifacts). Potential heritage resource discoveries were to be addressed using the Heritage Resource Discovery Contingency Plan included in the EPP as required. However, nothing was discovered during the construction phase of the Project.

#### **4.3.5 Vibration Monitoring**

Stantec conducted vibration measurements in support of a vibration propagation assessment, as well as vibration monitoring around sensitive Cultural Heritage Resources (CHR) for the Project. The purpose of the vibration assessment was to protect CHR by monitoring vibrations generated by HDD activities which could potentially be transmitted to vibration-sensitive structures. Two separate assessments were conducted to identify the vibration characteristics of local dynamic soil conditions for the site-specific vibration propagation assessment and continuous vibration monitoring.

- (1) The site-specific vibration propagation assessment was conducted at two pipeline installation sites using HDD, at CHRs SC-3 and SC-5. The dynamic characteristics of the local soil were obtained, and a corresponding attenuation curve for the HDD installation method was developed. This defined a site-specific vibration zone of influence (ZOI) for heritage structures. The vibration ZOI for heritage structures in Neustadt was determined to be 25 meters for reaming activities, and 9 meters for pilot hole drilling activities.
- (2) Continuous vibration monitoring was conducted during HDD activities for CHRs in this defined ZOI. A total of 17 CHRs in Neustadt were monitored for potential vibration impacts. No vibrations exceeding the vibration threshold for CHRs were monitored during HDD activities.

### **4.4 Local By-Law Issues and Non-Compliances**

During construction, Enbridge Gas did not record any by-law issues. Frequent contact was maintained with the local municipalities as a best practice. Sensitive and regulated areas were clearly marked in the field and appropriate training (EPP and environmental alignment sheets) was provided to the Contractor and Enbridge Gas Site Inspectors. No non-compliances with the EPP or environmental permits occurred during the construction phase of the Project.



## 5 Impacts and Outstanding Concerns

To address condition 7(a)(ii) within the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order - COA*, the following section outlines the impacts and outstanding concerns related to the Project. Many of the potential environmental impacts outlined in the ER were avoided by locating the Project in the previously disturbed municipal ROW and using HDD under sensitive features including wetlands and watercourses. Mitigation measures within the EPP were implemented when required to reduce potential impacts to the environment. Additional information regarding mitigation measures used to prevent potential impacts of construction are detailed in Section 4 above.

Temporary restoration of the site was progressive throughout construction (see Appendix C for photos). Once installation was completed, efforts were made to re-grade the site as soon as practical to match pre-existing conditions and stabilize using temporary ESC measures as needed. Because of the time of year construction occurred (late fall 2024), final restoration of a significant portion of the running line has been postponed until spring 2025.

Since construction was completed by both HDD and open trenching techniques, potential areas of settlement were still actively anticipated in the late fall of 2024 but should be confined to tie-in pits and areas where trenching occurred. Settlement will be assessed in 2025 with observations of significant settlement along the ROW potentially requiring additional restoration in 2025.

Entry and exit pits were set back a minimum of 30 m from watercourses, wetlands, and other sensitive features where possible. There were no stability concerns or sedimentation risks observed at either wetlands or watercourses along the ROW.

Currently, the ROW has been temporarily stabilized and scheduled to undergo final restoration in spring 2025. Monitoring by the EI will be conducted in 2025 to evaluate the success of the 2025 restoration measures and address any deficiencies as required. A spring 2026 monitoring site visit may occur if necessary.



## 6 Stakeholder Relations and Complaint Management

To address condition 7(a)(iv) within the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order - COA* for the Project, the following section includes:

- the complaint tracking, management, and resolution process,
- date/time the complaint was received,
- a description of the complaint,
- any actions taken to address the complaint, and
- the rationale for taking such actions.

Design and construction scheduling were made available throughout construction to interested parties, as necessary. Agencies and stakeholders that Enbridge Gas continued to work closely with included local municipalities and counties, Indigenous communities, and SVCA. Enbridge Gas also coordinated closely with utility companies and adjacent landowners on various aspects of the Project.

### 6.1 Recording and Response Process

When a complaint was received, Enbridge Gas recorded and tracked the activities leading to the resolution of the complaint. The process involved recording the correspondence between the complainant and Enbridge Gas as efforts were made to reach a resolution. Correspondence included phone calls, on-site visits, emails and in-person meetings. Actions to reach a resolution were tracked and followed up by Enbridge Gas to confirm resolution.

### 6.2 Summary of Complaints

Enbridge Gas maintained a Complaints and Resolutions Log for the duration of the construction period for the Project. The log was used to track complaints received and the correspondence and actions executed to resolve the complaints. Appendix D provides a copy of the log. This log is a living document in which content is added as complaints, actions and resolutions are managed.

Complaints/questions were addressed as quickly as possible. As of March 14, 2025, there were 16 concerns/complaints logged with 3 unresolved complaints/questions that are pending and will be addressed with associated restoration during spring 2025 (See Appendix D).



## 7 Outstanding Commitments

### 7.1 Restoration

Interim restoration was ongoing throughout construction; however, the site still requires final restoration (placement of soil, compaction, topsoil amendments and seeding) in spring 2025 to stabilize the ROW where surface disturbance and settling has occurred. Appropriate seed mix(es) will be selected and used based on landowner requirements and surrounding land use and vegetative communities. Seeding disturbed areas will occur at the appropriate time of year (spring or fall 2025). Disturbed areas will also require further stabilizing with the use of ESC measures (i.e., hydro-mulch, straw, erosion control blankets and/or check dams) to limit the potential for erosion or off-site sedimentation during heavy precipitation events while vegetation establishes and stabilizes the ROW.

Final restoration will be monitored in 2025 and 2026 if necessary. Seeding amendments, if required, will be scheduled in fall 2025.

### 7.2 Monitoring Programs

To comply with permit conditions and condition 7(b) within the *EB-2023-0261 Decision and Order - COA* for the Project, Enbridge Gas will file a *Final Monitoring Report* with the OEB by June 1, 2026, which will include results of monitoring programs and monitoring site visit(s) in 2025 and 2026 (if required) to inspect the conditions of the ROW.



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# Appendices



## **Appendix A      Executive Certification**





**Leave to Construct Application under Section 90 of the OEB Act**  
**Enbridge Gas Inc.**  
**EB-2023-0261**  
**Conditions of Approval**  
**May 23, 2024**

I hereby certify that Enbridge Gas Inc. has constructed the facilities and restored the land in accordance with the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2023-0261 and the Conditions of Approval, as per Condition 7 (a)(i).

March 11, 2025

Date

Mark Maxwell,

Director, Operations Capital Programs  
Enbridge Gas Inc.

Condition 7 (a)(i).

7. Both during and after construction, Enbridge Gas Inc. shall monitor the impacts of construction, and shall file with the OEB an electronic copy (searchable PDF) version of each of the following reports:
  - a) A post construction report, within three months of the in-service date, which shall:
    - i. provide a certification, by a senior executive of the company, of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s adherence to Condition 1.

Condition 1

Enbridge Gas Inc. shall construct the facilities and restore the land in accordance with the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2023-0261 and these Conditions of Approval.



**Leave to Construct Application under Section 90 of the OEB Act**  
**Enbridge Gas Inc.**  
**EB-2023-0261**  
**Conditions of Approval**  
**May 23, 2024**

I hereby certify that Enbridge Gas Inc. has obtained all other approvals, permits, licences, and certificates required to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed project in accordance with the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2023-0261, Schedule A, Condition 7 (a)(v).

March 11, 2024

Date

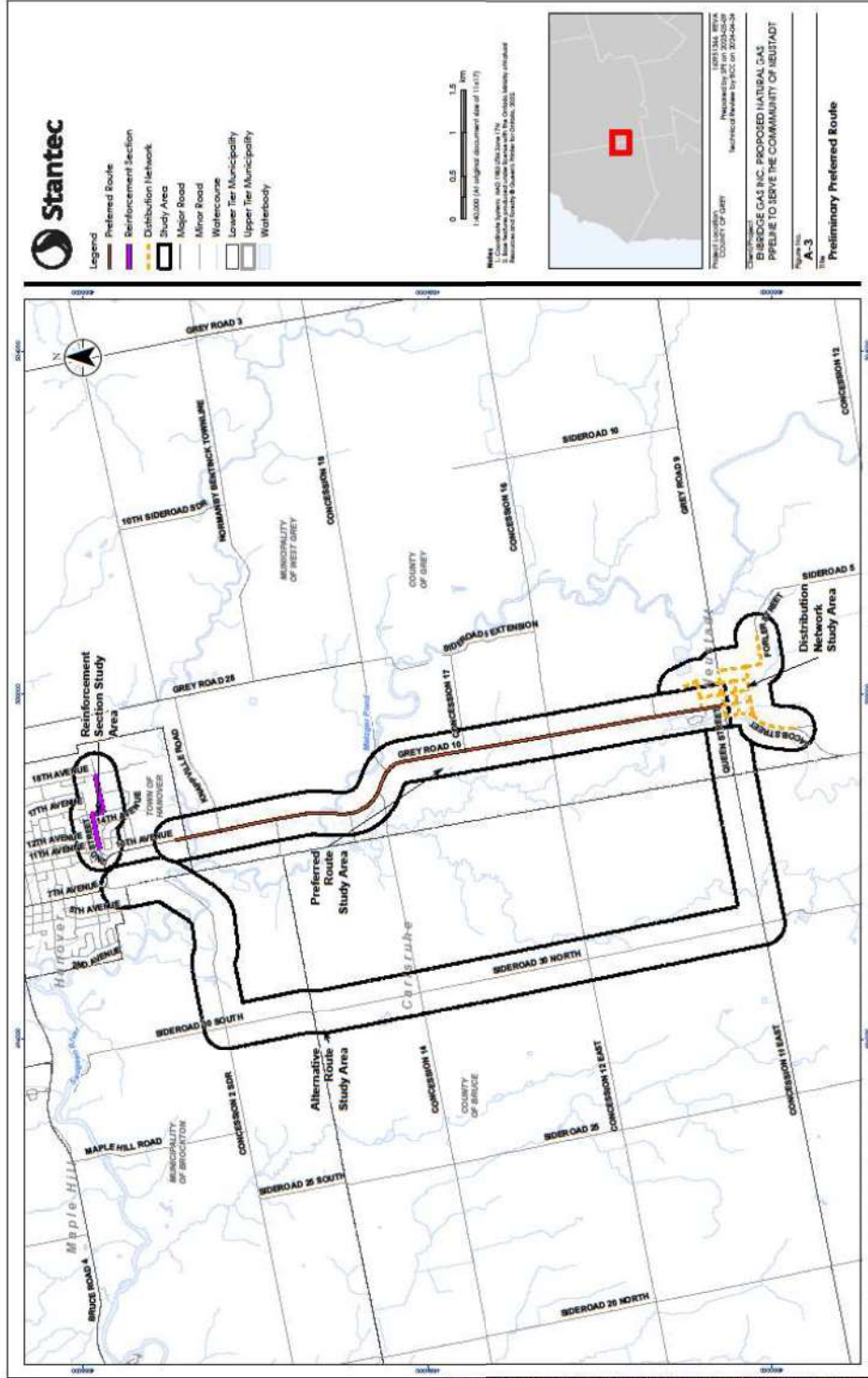
Mark Maxwell,  
Director, Operations Capital Programs  
Enbridge Gas Inc.

Condition 7 (a)(v).

7. Both during and after construction, Enbridge Gas Inc. shall monitor the impacts of construction, and shall file with the OEB an electronic copy (searchable PDF) version of each of the following reports:
  - a) A post construction report, within three months of the in-service date, which shall:
    - v. provide a certification, by a senior executive of the company, that the company has obtained all other approvals, permits, licences, and certificates required to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed project.

## Appendix B      Figures





## **Appendix C      Photo Logs**



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**Photo 1** Isolation of ROW and tie in pits with ESC fencing.



**Photo 2** Lower Saugeen River at HDD crossing location.



**Photo 3** Relief pit with appropriate mitigation measures in place.



**Photo 4** Hydro-vac on site to assist with HDD activities.



**Photo 5** Secondary spill containment around potential source of contamination.



**Photo 6** Silt fence in use to isolate disturbed ROW after backfilling of trench.

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**Photo 7** ESC mitigation in place around storm basin in municipality.



**Photo 8** Utility sight holes surrounded by protective fencing in municipality.



**Photo 9** Open cut trench installations were backfilled at end of each day.



**Photo 10** Completion of backfilling open cut trench on shoulder of road.



**Photo 11** Tie in pit secured with ESC measures as per EPP.



**Photo 12** CHR where vibration monitoring occurred.

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**Photo 13** Rough grading completed prior to settling. Additional restorative measures will be required in spring, 2025



**Photo 14** Pre-emptive ESC mitigation measures at catch basins within community of Neustadt.



**Photo 15** Rough grading after backfilling of trench. Additional grading potentially will be required after settling in spring 2025.



**Photo 16** Rough grading has been completed prior to potential settling. Additional restorative measures will be required in spring 2025.



**Photo 17** Rough grading after backfilling of open cut trench.



**Photo 18** Open cut installation in ROW.



**Photo 19** Finished grading and utilization of sediment sock to prevent off-site sedimentation.



**Photo 20** Restorative measures outstanding attie in pit. Grading and stabilization to occur in spring 2025.



**Photo 21** Restored roadside shoulder with topsoil and broadcast seeding.



**Photo 22** Backfilling of relief pits completed with sand. Settling will require monitoring in spring 2025.



**Photo 23** Final grading along roadside shoulders.



**Photo 24** Grading of roadside shoulder.

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**Photo 25** Southern limit of ROW where vibration monitoring occurred.



**Photo 26** Tie in pit located in road intersection.



**Photo 27** Settling occurred along boulevard where open cut installation work was completed.



**Photo 28** Shoulder of road where rough grading was unable to be completed. Restorative measures to be completed in spring of 2025.



**Photo 29** Backfilling of open cut section completed. Restorative measures to be completed in spring 2025.



**Photo 30** Residual stockpile of backfill remaining on boulevard. Restorative measures to be completed in 2025

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**Photo 31** Pipeline location marker in place.



**Photo 32** Settling and final restoration to be completed



**Photo 33** Daylighting on Adams Street.



**Photo 34** Final restoration is hampered due to recent weather events.



**Photo 35** Additional restoration will be required in Spring of 2025



**Photo 36** Sidewalk repairs are ongoing on Queen Street

## **Appendix D      Complaint and Resolutions Log**



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Appendix D Complaint and Resolutions Log  
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Complaint and Resolutions Log

ID	Date and Time Received	Description of Complaint	Actions Taken to Address the Complaint, the Rationale for Taking Such Actions	Status
1	2/5/24	Homeowner wanted project team to be aware of heritage structure and associated sensitivities to structure.	Issue brought to the attention of Project team	Resolved 2/6/24
2	5/13/24	Address was excluded from scope of work.	Public relations issue tracked by Project team. Attempts were made to have open communication with party.	Resolved 5/13/24
3	8/16/24	Homeowner concerned that her invisible fence would get damaged during construction based on previous non project construction in the past.	Concerns were delivered to Aecon and assurances provided that work would not occur unless homeowner converted to gas.	Resolved 8/16/2024
4	9/11/24	Homeowner reported email claiming the loss of Enbridge rebates if she didn't keep services.	Stakeholder Engagement was notified of potential electronic scam being circulated.	Resolved 9/11/24
5	9/24/24	Homeowner expressed concern on potential damage to their invisible dog fence during install of service.	Pre-inspection process was reviewed with Homeowner and advised Aecon	Resolved 9/25/24
6	10/2/24	Homeowner inquiry regarding a daylighting hole on property and when it will be backfilled.	Information regarding the need for excavation was provided to homeowner and hole was backfilled at earlier date to satisfy concerns.	Resolved 10/3/24
7	11/7/24	Private parking lot used on multiple occasions without permission.	Contractor responsible was informed and rectified issue. Homeowner was contacted and assurances provided that property was not to be used in the future.	Resolved 11/5/24
8	11/21/24	Restoration of municipal property associated with open cut not completed satisfactorily.	Contractor has confirmed that final restoration with concrete was not completed and will be finalized in spring 2025.	Pending
9	11/21/24	Restoration involving daylight holes, and asphalt driveway entrances on municipal roadway not completed satisfactorily.	Contractor has confirmed that final restoration with concrete was not completed and will be finalized in spring 2025.	Pending
10	12/6/24	Homeowner complaint regarding a damaged dog fence during the installation of services.	Contractor to fix fence when energization occurred and contact owner.	Resolved 12/6/24
13	12/12/24	Complaint made regarding the moving of a traffic sign.	Contractor instructed to replace sign at earliest possible date.	Resolved 12/12/24



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ID	Date and Time Received	Description of Complaint	Actions Taken to Address the Complaint, the Rationale for Taking Such Actions	Status
14	12/17/24	Homeowner concerned about settling of gravel in driveway associated with service connection	Contractor responded with additional gravel and compaction.	Resolved 12/18/24
15	12/17/24	Homeowner concerned about settling of gravel in driveway associated with service connection and safety cones left on site.	Contractor responded with additional gravel and compaction. Safety cones were removed.	Resolved 12/20/24
16	1/8/25	Complaint from Municipality regarding settling of road shoulders at various locations.	Due to winter season, temporary placement of gravel and safety barrels have been placed. Additional measures for restoring shoulders will be completed in spring 2025.	Pending



**Appendix E**                      **Schedule A Decision and Order**  
**EB-2023-0261**



**SCHEDULE A**  
**DECISION AND ORDER**  
**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**  
**EB-2023-0261**  
**MAY 23, 2024**

**Leave to Construct Application under  
Section 90 of the OEB Act**

**Enbridge Gas Inc.  
EB-2023-0261**

**Standard Conditions of Approval**

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall construct the facilities and restore the land in accordance with the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2023-0261 and these Conditions of Approval.
2. (a) Authorization for leave to construct shall terminate 12 months after the decision is issued unless construction has commenced prior to that date.  
  
(b) Enbridge Gas Inc. shall give the OEB notice in writing:
  - i. of the commencement of construction, at least 10 days prior to the date construction commences
  - ii. of the planned in-service start date, at least 10 days prior to the date the facilities begin to go into service
  - iii. of the date on which construction was completed, no later than 10 days following the completion of construction
  - iv. of the full project in-service date, no later than 10 days after all the facilities go into service
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall obtain all necessary approvals, permits, licences, certificates, agreements and rights required to construct, operate and maintain the Project.
4. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall implement all the recommendations of the Environmental Report filed in the proceeding, and all the recommendations and directives identified by the Ontario Pipeline Coordinating Committee review.
5. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall advise the OEB of any proposed change to OEB-approved construction or restoration procedures. Except in an emergency, Enbridge Gas Inc. shall not make any such change without prior notice to and written approval of the OEB. In the event of an emergency, the OEB shall be informed immediately after the fact.
6. Concurrent with the final monitoring report referred to in Condition 7(b), Enbridge Gas shall file a Post Construction Financial Report, which shall provide a variance analysis of project cost, schedule and scope compared to the estimates filed in this

proceeding, including the extent to which the project contingency was utilized. Enbridge Gas shall also file a copy of the Post Construction Financial Report in the proceeding where the actual capital costs of the project are proposed to be included in rate base or any proceeding where Enbridge Gas proposes to start collecting revenues associated with the Project, whichever is earlier.

7. Both during and after construction, Enbridge Gas Inc. shall monitor the impacts of construction, and shall file with the OEB one electronic (searchable PDF) version of each of the following reports:

(a) A post construction report, within three months of the full project in-service date, which shall:

- i. provide a certification, by a senior executive of the company, of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s adherence to Condition 1
- ii. describe any impacts and outstanding concerns identified during construction
- iii. describe the actions taken or planned to be taken to prevent or mitigate any identified impacts of construction
- iv. include a log of all complaints received by Enbridge Gas Inc., including the date/time the complaint was received, a description of the complaint, any actions taken to address the complaint, the rationale for taking such actions
- v. provide a certification, by a senior executive of the company, that the company has obtained all other approvals, permits, licenses, and certificates required to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed project

(b) A final monitoring report, no later than fifteen months after the full project in-service date, or, where the deadline falls between December 1 and May 31, the following June 1, which shall:

- i. provide a certification, by a senior executive of the company, of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s adherence to Condition 4
- ii. describe the condition of any rehabilitated land
- iii. describe the effectiveness of any actions taken to prevent or mitigate any identified impacts of construction
- iv. include the results of analyses and monitoring programs and any recommendations arising therefrom
- v. include a log of all complaints received by Enbridge Gas Inc., including the date/time the complaint was received; a description of the complaint; any actions taken to address the complaint; and the rationale for taking such actions

8. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall designate one of their employees as project manager who will be the point of contact for these conditions, and shall provide the employee's name and contact information to the OEB and to all affected landowners, and shall clearly post the project manager's contact information in a prominent place at the construction site.