

Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2024-0115

Intervenor Name:

CAFES Ottawa

Mandate and Objectives:

Community Action for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) Ottawa is an independent not-for-profit organisation operating in the City of Ottawa. We represent the interests of our community to ensure balanced environmental and economic progress in the City of Ottawa aligned with a sustainable community for our consumers and businesses. CAFES Ottawa seeks to promote local and neighbourhood actions and initiatives to create healthier, greener and more participatory communities by sharing knowledge and best practices. CAFES strives to be an effective advocacy network of organizations and individuals with representation into rural, suburban and urban wards of Ottawa, encouraging responsiveness to the needs of our community and its future.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

CAFES Ottawa members and our partnership organisations represent individual and business ratepayers in the City of Ottawa through direct membership and through a network of organizational representatives from across 24 wards and over 50 neighbourhoods in the City of Ottawa. CAFES Ottawa builds community by connecting like-minded individuals to work together on local issues, fostering discussion, problem solving, collective action and sharing best practices. Ensuring that the electricity system serving the City of Ottawa meets the sustainable needs of our community is a key factor in our community's success.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

CAFES Ottawa is an action-oriented community hub organisation that coordinates within the City of Ottawa on a range of initiatives and issues that impact the economic and environmental well-being of our community and its members. For example, CAFES Caucuses forums serve to connect, inform and empower residents of Ottawa on topics that each

individual consumer or business may be challenged to take action on individually. CAFES Ottawa regularly engages on behalf of our community on energy and related issues with Hydro Ottawa and its shareholder, the City of Ottawa.

Governance Structure:

The day-to-day operations of CAFES Ottawa is managed by the Executive Director and activities are undertaken by CAFES Ottawa staff and volunteers. The Executive Director reports to the CAFES Ottawa Board of Directors and is in regular contact with Board members on issues and initiatives that affect the City of Ottawa.

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Frequent Intervenor Form:

OEB Proceedings:

CAFES Ottawa is not a frequent intervenor. The only proceeding that we recently engaged in was EB-2024-0200 due to its direct impacts on the City of Ottawa.

Issues:

CAFES Ottawa membership, our network of organizational representatives from across the City of Ottawa and our partnership organisations represent individual and business ratepayers

of Ottawa Hydro. We have a direct consumer interest in this proceeding and will be directly impacted from a collective financial and community perspective due to the outcomes of this proceeding.

Policy Interests:

CAFES Ottawa supports the development of our electricity distributor's system in a manner that provides cost-effective and reliable service while ensuring that Hydro Ottawa's delivery enables our city to benefit from the economic and clean energy options available through the energy transition. Prudent planning and investment are also required to support our City's energy and emissions objectives.

Hearings:

CAFES Ottawa does not have a preference.

Evidence:

CAFES Ottawa is not planning to file expert evidence.

Coordination with Other Intervenor:

CAFES Ottawa intends to coordinate with all stakeholders in this proceeding. We had an early discussion with Pollution Probe once the proceeding notice was published to determine the extent of potential commonality on the issues in the application. Our focus on a significant number of issues identified in the Hydro Ottawa application are distinctly different and there is limited overlap. However, CAFES Ottawa intends to coordinate with all stakeholders during this proceeding where there is commonality in interest and position on any specific issue.

Cost Awards:

CAFES Ottawa is an independent not-for-profit organisation that does not receive funding that would enable it to participate in this proceeding without an award of costs. CAFES Ottawa requests that it be eligible for its reasonable costs for this proceeding.

Language Preference:

English