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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

March 10, 2016

Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

To Whom It May Concern:

EB-2016-004

Please find enclosed a certified true copy of resolution No. 12550 which is self-explanatory.

Your favourable consideration and support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Gail Jaremy  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Hornepayne  
GEJ/SD

c.c.: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

Encl.

~~The Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne~~  
68 Front Street, PO Box 370  
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## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY:

*G. Latoski*  
signature

NO. 12550

SECONDED BY:

*W. Forster*  
signature

DATE: MAR 02 2016

Whereas there are 22 rural and remote municipalities in Northwestern Ontario and a number of First Nation communities who do not have direct access to piped natural gas; and

Whereas the residents and businesses in those communities without natural gas service must pay significantly more to heat their buildings and homes than communities with natural gas service; and

Whereas we believe there is a public interest and benefit in extending natural gas services to rural and remote communities; and

Whereas we often hear residents and businesses expressing their interest in having access to natural gas and the limitations and barriers they face in not having access to natural gas causes; and

Whereas current economic tests and ratemaking mechanisms associated with new connections to the existing natural gas distribution system do not encourage utilities to expand in Northwestern Ontario; and

Whereas currently natural gas expansion in Northwestern Ontario requires the new customers to pay the associated expenses while in contrast the vast majority of the existing system was paid for by the rate payers as a whole; and

Whereas the Ontario Energy Board has initiated a hearing on its own motion to consider what mechanisms may be used to recover the costs of expanding natural gas service to Ontario communities that do not currently have access to natural gas; and

Whereas NOMA, NOACC and CVNW (the Coalition) have requested intervenor status on behalf of their member ratepayers (current and future) in Northwestern Ontario; and

Whereas the position of the Coalition is that the cost of expanding natural gas service to communities without it should be shared by all gas rate payers in the Province of Ontario and the OEB should implement new ratemaking mechanisms including changes to current economic tests to expand natural gas distribution on such basis.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne advises the Ontario Energy Board that it supports the position adopted by NOMA, NOACC and CVNW that the expansion of the natural gas distribution system should be paid for by all current and future gas rate payers and the OEB implement new ratemaking mechanisms including changes to current economic tests to expand natural gas distribution on such basis.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Deferred

*[Signature]*

signature of presiding officer

### RECORDED VOTE:

Councillor Ginger Latoski  
Councillor Willy Liebigt  
Councillor Drago Stefanic  
Councillor Paul Stewart  
Mayor Morley Forster

**YES** I, Gail Jarman, CAO/Clerk for the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne do certify that this document is a true copy of:

Resolution: 12550 By-Law: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

This 30 day of March, 20 16

### Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

(Clerk)