



DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2025-0134

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

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

By Delegation, before: **Theodore Antonopoulos**
 Vice President
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July 15, 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 Amaranth.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Enbridge Gas filed an application with the OEB on April 2, 2025, 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 Amaranth.

The OEB held a written hearing. A notice of hearing was published in the Shelbourne Free Press newspaper and the Orangeville Citizen newspaper on April 24, 2025. 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 Amaranth is a reference to the municipal corporation or its geographic area, as the context requires.

This Decision and Order is being issued under delegated authority pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act).

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 Amaranth is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is a lower-tier municipality located in the County of Dufferin.

The Township of Amaranth was formed on January 1, 1884. The boundaries of the Township have changed as the result of municipal reorganizations in 1986, 1997, 2000 and 2005 whereby portions of the Township were annexed to the Town of Shelburne.

Enbridge Gas holds a certificate dated July 14, 1966, for the Township of Amaranth.¹ In light of the foregoing, Enbridge Gas submits it is still authorized to serve the entire geographic area of the Township of Amaranth, as it is currently constituted, through E.B.C. 49. However, through the current application, Enbridge Gas requests an order of the OEB cancelling its existing certificate that includes areas that are no longer within the Township of Amaranth, and granting it a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Amaranth as it is currently constituted.

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

Enbridge Gas has a 20-year franchise agreement with the Township of Amaranth effective February 18, 2009.² Enbridge Gas also has franchise agreements with, and certificates for, the Township of Melancthon, the Town of Shelburne, the Town of Mono, the Town of Orangeville, the Township of East Garafraxa and the Town of Grand Valley, each of which is immediately adjacent to the Township of Amaranth.

¹ E.B.C. 49

² EB-2008-0373

4 FINDINGS

I find that it is in the public interest to approve Enbridge Gas's application for a certificate for the Township of Amaranth. The issuance of a new certificate for the Township of Amaranth that is geographically aligned with its current 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.³ 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 Amaranth. The new certificate cancels and supersedes Enbridge Gas's prior certificate authorization for the Township of Amaranth. I also note that there are no other natural gas distributors within the certificate area.

³ EB-2022-0081, *Natural Gas Facilities Handbook*, Section 3.6.2 – Municipal Changes that do not affect another Person's Certificate Rights, March 31, 2022

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 Amaranth. A current map of the Township of Amaranth is attached as Schedule B.
2. This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes: E.B.C. 49 for the former Township of Amaranth.
3. Enbridge Gas Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

DATED at Toronto July 15, 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 Amaranth

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

This certificate of public convenience and necessity cancels and supersedes E.B.C. 49 for the Township of Amaranth.

DATED at Toronto July 15, 2025

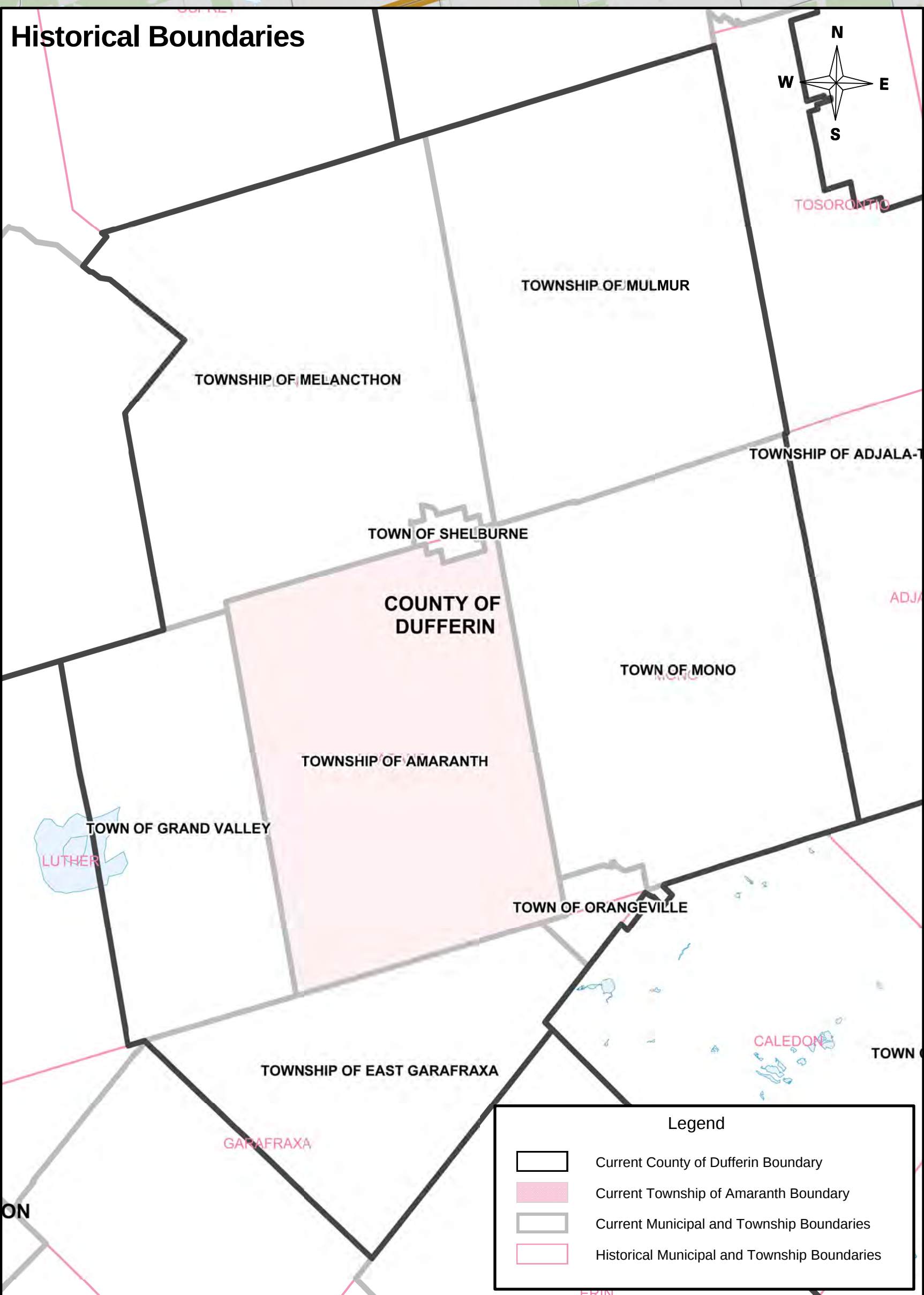
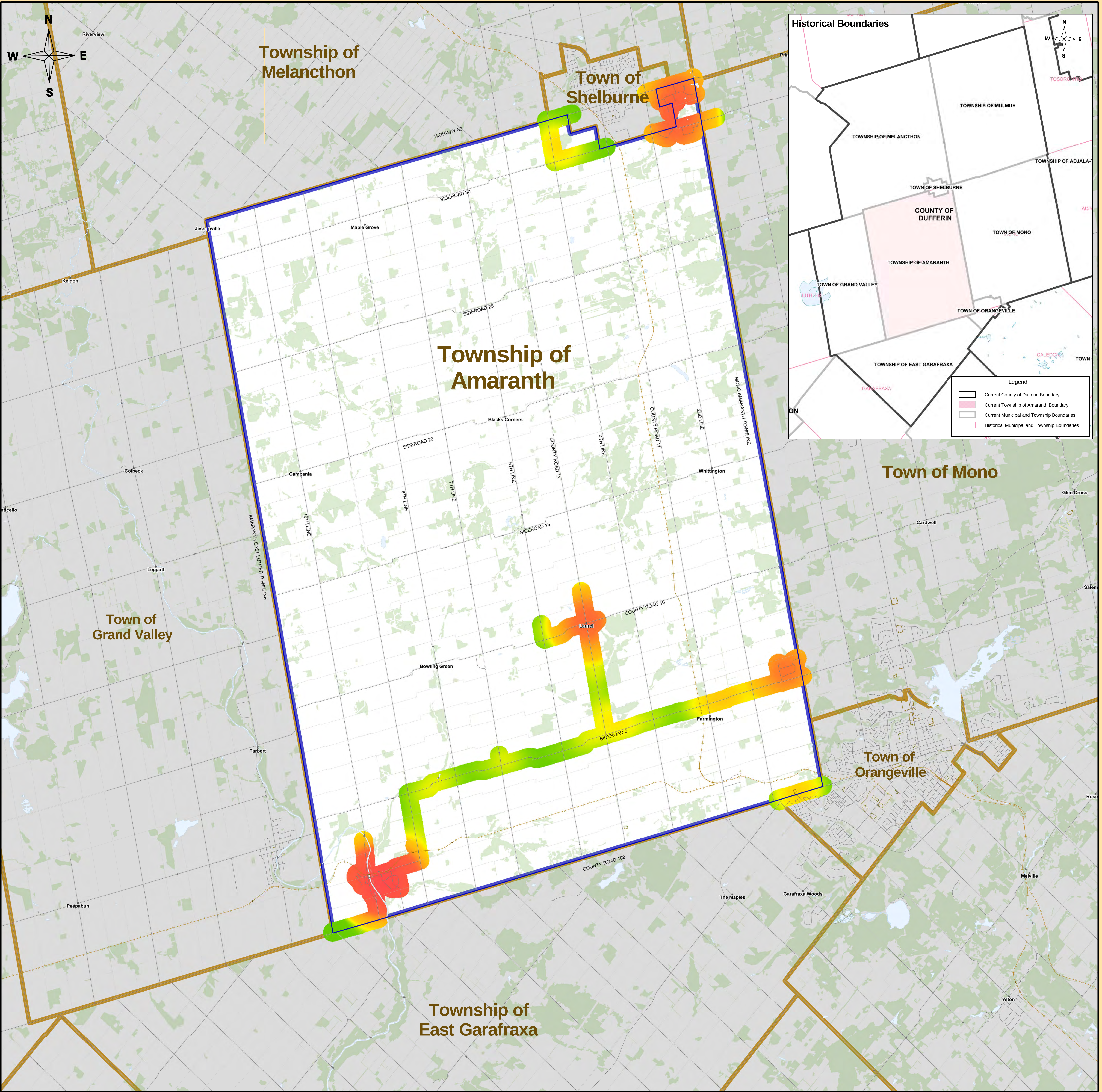
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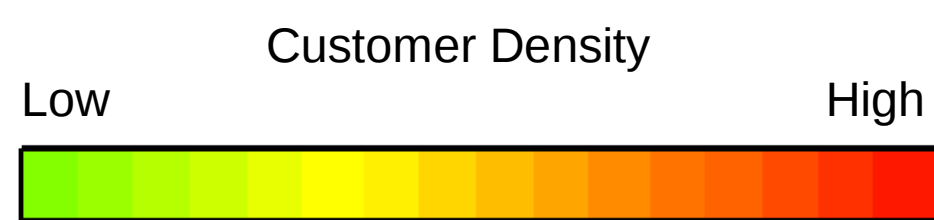
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SCHEDULE B
MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH
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- Legend
- Enbridge Gas Pipeline Coverage Area
 - Township of Amaranth
 - Roads
 - Railways
 - Municipal and Township Boundaries
 - First Nation Boundaries



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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

