



Enbridge Gas Inc.  
50 Keil Drive North  
Chatham, Ontario, Canada  
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October 28, 2025

Mr. Ritchie Murray  
Acting Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Application for Approval of Franchise Agreement and CPCN  
City of Elliot Lake  
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2025-0283**

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated October 23, 2025, enclosed is my Affidavit of Service in regard to the above-noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Gary Collins  
Sr. Analyst Regulatory Research

Encl.

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. M.55, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake is, by by-law, to grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the City of Elliot Lake;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the City of Elliot Lake to the by-law is not necessary;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order cancelling and superseding the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas Inc. for the former Town of Elliot Lake and replacing it with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the current City of Elliot Lake.

**-: AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE :-**

I, Gary Collins, of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, in the Province of Ontario, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am an employee in the Chatham Office of Enbridge Gas Inc., the Applicant in the matter referred to in the preamble to this my Affidavit and I have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed to.
2. By courier on October 27, 2025, a true copy of the Notice of Hearing issued by the Ontario Energy Board on October 23, 2025 and a true copy of the Application dated October 3, 2025 to the above preamble, along with a cover letter, was sent to the City of Elliot Lake attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
3. Pursuant to the October 23, 2025 Letter of Direction, a copy of the Notice, the application and evidence is available for public review upon request to Enbridge Gas and as evidenced by the print screen attached hereto as Exhibit "B" a copy of this material has been posted to the Enbridge Gas website at <https://www.enbridgegas.com/about-enbridge-gas/regulatory>
4. I make this Affidavit in good faith and for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME, at the )  
City of Toronto in the Province )  
of Ontario this 28<sup>th</sup> day of )  
October 2025. )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Collins

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A Commissioner, etc.

City of Elliot Lake  
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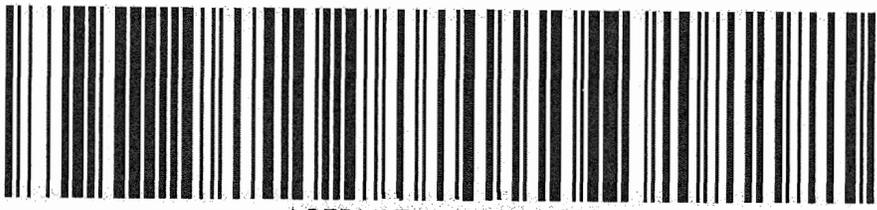
Attention: Natalie Bray, City Clerk

This is Exhibit "A" to the  
Affidavit of Gary Collins sworn  
before me this 28th day of  
October 2025.

A Commissioner, etc

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Enbridge Gas Inc.  
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October 27, 2025

Natalie Bray, City Clerk  
City of Elliot Lake  
45 Hillside Drive North  
Elliot Lake, ON P5A 1X5

Dear Ms. Bray:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Application for Approval of Franchise Agreement and CPCN  
City of Elliot Lake  
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2025-0283**

In accordance with instructions set out by the Ontario Energy Board's Letter of Direction dated October 23, 2025, Enbridge Gas now serves upon you a copy of the Notice of Hearing together with a copy of the relevant Application for approval of a new Franchise Agreement between Enbridge Gas and the City of Elliot Lake and a new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

The Ontario Energy Board has arranged for publication of the Notice of Hearing in the *Elliot Lake Standard* newspaper on Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Yours truly,

*[Original Signed By]*

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## Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to renew its natural gas franchise agreement with and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the City of Elliot Lake

## Enbridge Gas Inc. a déposé une demande en vue de renouveler son accord de concession de gaz naturel et d'obtenir un certificat de commodité et de nécessité publiques pour la ville d'Elliot Lake

**Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for:**

- **An order approving a natural gas franchise agreement with the City of Elliot Lake.** This would grant Enbridge Gas the right to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas within the City of Elliot Lake for the next 20 years.
- **An order directing that the acceptance of the municipal electors of the City of Elliot Lake is not required in relation to the by-law approving the natural gas franchise agreement.**
- **An order cancelling Enbridge Gas's existing certificate of public convenience and necessity for the former Town of Elliot Lake and replacing it with a new certificate to construct works to supply natural gas in the current City of Elliot Lake.** The new certificate is needed to address a municipal name change.

### YOU SHOULD KNOW

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

There are three types of OEB Hearings: oral, electronic and written. If you have a preference for the type of hearing, you can write to us to explain why. During this hearing, we will question the applicant about its application. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenors. After reviewing all the evidence, we will decide whether to approve this application.

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit [www.oeb.ca/participate](http://www.oeb.ca/participate) and use file number **EB-2025-0283** to:

- Review the application
- Apply to become an intervenor
- File a letter with your comments

#### IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **November 10, 2025** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

#### PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

### LEARN MORE

#### Ontario Energy Board

☎ /TTY: 1 877-632-2727

🕒 Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

🌐 [oeb.ca/participate](http://oeb.ca/participate)

#### Enbridge Gas Inc.

☎ 1 877-632-7434

🕒 Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

🌐 [enbridgegas.com](http://enbridgegas.com)



Ontario  
Energy  
Board

This hearing will be held under section 8 and 9 of the **Municipal Franchises Act**, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55.

Ce document est aussi disponible en français.

**Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) demande à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) :**

- **une ordonnance approuvant un accord de concession de gaz naturel avec la ville d'Elliot Lake.** Pendant les 20 prochaines années, Enbridge Gas aurait ainsi le droit de construire, d'exploiter et d'agrandir le réseau de distribution de gaz naturel et de distribuer, stocker et transporter le gaz naturel dans la ville d'Elliot Lake;
- **un arrêté ordonnant que l'acceptation des électeurs municipaux de la ville d'Elliot Lake ne soit pas nécessaire en ce qui a trait au règlement administratif approuvant l'accord de concession de gaz naturel;**
- **une ordonnance annulant le certificat actuel de commodité et de nécessité publiques d'Enbridge Gas concernant l'ancienne ville d'Elliot Lake et le remplaçant par un nouveau certificat, en vue d'effectuer des travaux pour fournir du gaz naturel dans l'actuelle ville d'Elliot Lake.** Le nouveau certificat est nécessaire pour refléter le changement de nom de la municipalité.

### À SAVOIR

#### LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO TIENDRA UNE AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

Il existe trois types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences orales, les audiences électroniques et les audiences écrites. Si vous avez une préférence en ce qui concerne le format de l'audience, vous pouvez nous écrire pour nous en expliquer les raisons. Au cours de cette audience, nous interrogerons le requérant sur sa demande. Nous entendrons également les questions et arguments des participants inscrits en tant qu'intervenants. Après avoir examiné tous les éléments de preuve, nous déciderons d'approuver ou non cette demande.

#### DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

Vous avez le droit d'être informés au sujet de cette requête et de participer au processus. Visitez le site [www.oeb.ca/fr/participez](http://www.oeb.ca/fr/participez) et utilisez le numéro de dossier **EB-2025-0283** pour :

- examiner la requête;
- présenter une demande pour devenir un intervenant;
- envoyer une lettre comportant vos commentaires.

#### DATES IMPORTANTES

Vous devez communiquer avec la CEO au plus tard le **10 novembre 2025** pour :

- fournir des renseignements sur le type d'audience (orale, électronique ou écrite);
- présenter une demande en vue de devenir un intervenant.

À défaut de cela, l'audience se déroulera sans vous et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de la présente procédure.

#### PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Si vous êtes une entreprise ou si vous demandez à devenir un intervenant, tous les renseignements que vous déposez seront disponibles sur le site Web de la CEO.

### POUR EN SAVOIR PLUS

#### Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

☎ /ATS: 1 877 632-2727

🕒 Du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h 30 à 17 h

🌐 [oeb.ca/fr/participez](http://oeb.ca/fr/participez)

#### Enbridge Gas Inc.

☎ 1 877 632-7434

🕒 Du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h 00 à 18 h

🌐 [enbridgegas.com](http://enbridgegas.com)



Commission  
de l'énergie  
de l'Ontario

Cette audience sera tenue en vertu des articles 8 et 9 de la **Loi sur les concessions municipales**, L.R.O. 1990, chap. M55

This document is also available in English.



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October 3, 2025

Ms. Ritchie Murray  
Acting Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. Murray:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
Application for Approval of Franchise Agreement and New CPCN  
City of Elliot Lake**

Attached is an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for Orders of the Ontario Energy Board with respect to a Franchise Agreement with and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the City of Elliot Lake. An agreement has been reached between Enbridge Gas Inc. and the City of Elliot Lake with regards to the terms and conditions of the proposed Franchise Agreement.

Should you have any questions on this application, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the receipt of your instructions.

Yours truly,

**Patrick  
McMahon** Digitally signed by  
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## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake is, by by-law, to grant to Enbridge Gas Inc. the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the City of Elliot Lake;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the City of Elliot Lake to the by-law is not necessary;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an Order cancelling and superseding the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas Inc. for the former Town of Elliot Lake and replacing it with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the current City of Elliot Lake.

### APPLICATION

1. Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas), a regulated public utility, is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with its offices in the City of Toronto and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
2. The Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake (Municipality) is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. Attached hereto and marked as Schedule "A" is a map showing the geographical location of the Municipality and a customer density representation of Enbridge Gas' service area. Enbridge Gas currently serves approximately 4,201 customers in the Municipality. Enbridge Gas and its predecessors have been providing gas distribution services within the City of Elliot Lake since approximately 1985.
3. The City of Elliot Lake is a single-tier municipality located in the Algoma District in Northeastern Ontario. In 1990, the Town of Elliot Lake was incorporated as the City of Elliot Lake.
4. Enbridge Gas has an existing franchise agreement with the City of Elliot Lake (RP-2005-0021 / EB-2005-0224) effective November 2, 2005 which is attached as Schedule "B".

5. Enbridge Gas has a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the former Town of Elliot Lake (EBC 147) dated May 31, 1985 which is attached as Schedule “C”. Enbridge Gas is not aware of any changes to the municipal boundaries of the City of Elliot Lake since the existing CPCN was issued. The request for a new CPCN is to ensure that it is associated with the correct name for the Municipality.
6. Enbridge Gas applied to the Council of the Municipality for the renewal of a franchise agreement permitting Enbridge Gas to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works in the City of Elliot Lake.
7. Enbridge Gas initially contacted the City of Elliot Lake by email on November 20, 2024 to initiate discussions regarding the renewal of the franchise agreement. This email (attached as Schedule D) was sent over 11 months in advance of the November 2, 2025 expiry of the current franchise agreement between the City of Elliot Lake and the former Union Gas Limited.
8. On September 22, 2025, the Council of the Municipality gave approval to the form of a Franchise Agreement in favour of Enbridge Gas and authorized Enbridge Gas to apply to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise agreement is proposed to be granted.
9. Attached hereto as Schedule "E" is a copy of the Resolution 307/25 of the Council of the Municipality approving the form of the draft by-law and franchise agreement, authorizing this submission to the Ontario Energy Board, and requesting an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the by-law and franchise agreement is not necessary.
10. Attached hereto as Schedule “F” is a copy of the draft By-law 25-XX and the proposed franchise agreement.
11. Enbridge Gas has a franchise agreement with and CPCN for the Town of Blind River which is immediately adjacent to the Municipality. Enbridge Gas is not aware of any other natural gas distributor in the area.
12. The proposed franchise agreement is in the form of the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement with no amendments and is for a term of twenty (20) years.
13. The address of the Municipality is as follows:

City of Elliot Lake  
45 Hillside Drive North  
Elliot Lake, ON P5A 1X5  
Attention: Natalie Bray, City Clerk  
Telephone: (705) 848-2287 ext. 2103  
Email: [elclerks@elliottlake.ca](mailto:elclerks@elliottlake.ca)

The address for Enbridge Gas' regional operations office is:

Enbridge Gas Inc.  
2571 Lancaster Road  
Ottawa, ON K1B 4L5  
Attention: David Marshall, Director, Station Operations & Customer Connections  
Email: [david.marshall@enbridge.com](mailto:david.marshall@enbridge.com)

14. Enbridge Gas believes that publishing the Notice in the local newspaper, on the OEB web site, on the Enbridge Gas' web site and on the municipality's web site will provide a broad awareness of this application. The newspaper having the highest circulation in the City of Elliot Lake is the *Elliot Lake Standard*. This is the newspaper used by the Municipality for its notices.
15. Enbridge Gas now applies to the Ontario Energy Board for:
  - (a) an Order under s.9(3) approving the terms and conditions upon which, and the period for which, the City of Elliot Lake is, by by-law, to grant Enbridge Gas the right to construct and operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas and the right to extend and add to the works; and
  - (b) an Order pursuant to s.9(4) directing and declaring that the assent of the municipal electors of the City of Elliot Lake is not necessary for the proposed franchise agreement by-law under the circumstances; and
  - (c) an Order pursuant to s.8 cancelling and superseding the existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas Inc. for the former Town of Elliot Lake and replacing it with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the current City of Elliot Lake.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in the Province of Ontario this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2025.

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

**Patrick**

**McMahon**

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Patrick McMahon

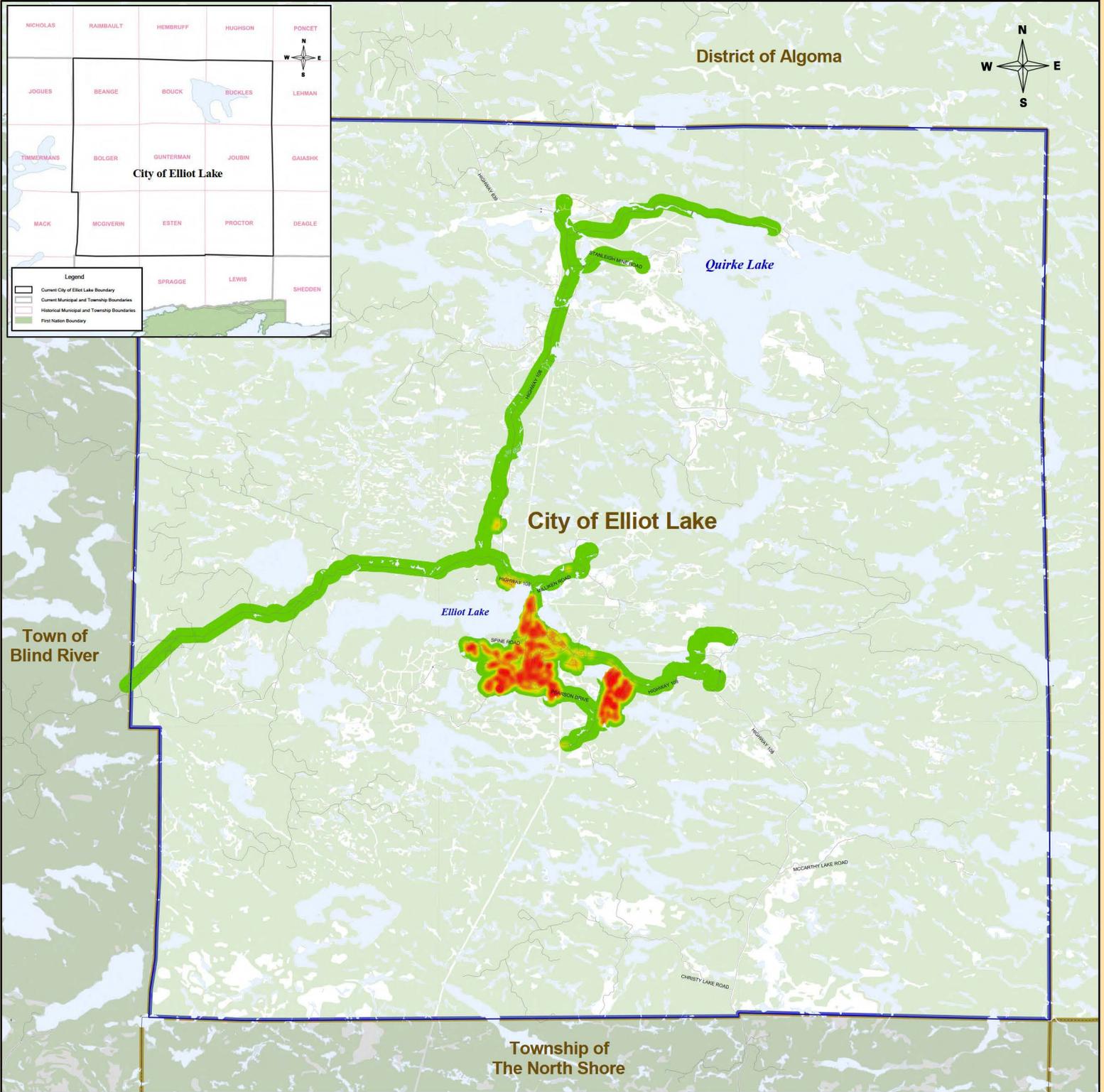
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Technical Manager  
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Comments respecting this Application should be directed to:

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**Legend**

- Enbridge Gas Pipeline Coverage Area
- City of Elliot Lake
- Roads
- Railways
- Municipal and Township Boundaries
- First Nation Boundaries

**Customer Density**

Low High

## City of Elliot Lake

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Kilometers

**Disclaimer:**  
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

Location map

Ontario Energy  
Board

Commission de l'Énergie  
de l'Ontario



**RP-2005-0021**  
**EB-2005-0224**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Union Gas Limited for an order to extend and renew the term of the right to operate works for the distribution, transmission and storage of natural gas within the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake and to extend or add to the works.

**By delegation, before:** Mark C. Garner

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Union Gas Limited (“Union”) filed an application dated February 8, 2005 with the Ontario Energy Board pursuant to section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55 (the “Act”), for an order of the Board approving the terms and conditions, the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake (the “Municipality”) is, by by-law, to grant to Union the right to construct and operate the gas works in the Municipality. The Board assigned file number EB-2005-0224 to this application.

On April 20, 2005, the Board issued its order approving Union’s application subject to the terms and conditions of the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement (“2000 MFA”). Union subsequently requested that the Municipality provide third and final reading to the by-law approving the 2000 MFA, thereby making it law. On May 27, 2005, Union received a letter from the Municipality indicating that the Council of the Municipality had passed a resolution indicating that sections 16(b) and (c) should be removed from the 2000 MFA. The Municipality argued that the Board has no authority to impose these sections.

On June 27, 2005, Union filed an amendment to its original application pursuant to section 10 of the Act. Union’s amended application requested an order of the Board granting interim approval of the existing franchise agreement pursuant to section 10(4) of the Act and an order of the Board approving the terms and conditions of the 2000 MFA pursuant to section 10(2) of the Act.

On July 18, 2005, the Board issued an interim order extending Union's existing franchise rights. The interim order also set out a time line for the Board's hearing in the matter.

### **Position of the Parties**

In its submissions of July 27, 2005, the Municipality argued that sections 16(b) and (c) address third party use of a decommissioned part of a gas system and, as such, approval of these sections is beyond the jurisdiction of the Board. The Municipality also argued that limiting its rights to a municipal access agreement is too narrow and does not provide the Municipality the absolute right to approve or refuse any particular use of the decommissioned gas works.

On August 15, 2005, Union made reply submissions to the Board in which Union stated that the Board has jurisdiction in the matter in that the Board is regulating the franchisee in the franchisee's capacity as owner of the gas works. Further, Union argued that section 16 of the 2000 MFA is not the appropriate forum to address the rights of the Municipality with respect to the uses of the decommissioned gas works for purposes other than the franchise as this would appear to restrict the rights of the Municipality.

### **Reasons**

There are two issues to consider in this case. The first is whether the Board has jurisdiction to impose the terms in sections 16(b) and (c) of the 2000 MFA. The second is the Municipality's concerns regarding the interpretation and the implication of sections 16(b) and (c) of the 2000 MFA.

With respect to the issue of jurisdiction, it is my view that the decommissioning of a gas pipe is part of operating a system for the distribution or transmission of gas. Therefore, I find that the Board has jurisdiction to impose sections 16(b) and (c) of the 2000 MFA as those sections deal with matters relating to the operation of the gas works.

I do not find the Municipality's submission concerning the municipal access agreement persuasive. The sections of the 2000 MFA in question appear to give the Municipality the exact right that it wants, namely to have the right to accept or deny a use of the works. If no municipal access agreement is entered into, the gas company cannot allow a third party to use the decommissioned part of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas. The municipal access agreement is not simply to

clarify administrative details but to give the City the right to approve or refuse a particular use of the decommissioned works and the third party to whom that right is being given. The Municipality, not the Board, is the appropriate body to set the terms and conditions of the municipal access agreement. Once the decommissioned part of the system is being used for a purpose other than the transmission or distribution of gas, those parts of the system are subject to the municipal access agreement and not the 2000 MFA. Again, this seems to give the Municipality precisely the power it seeks.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The term of the right of Union Gas Limited to operate works for the distribution of gas is renewed and extended for the time period and upon the terms and conditions set out in the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement attached as Appendix "A".

**DATED** at Toronto November 2, 2005.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original Signed by*

Mark C. Garner  
Managing Director, Market Operations

**APPENDIX "A"**

**TO BOARD DECISION AND ORDER**

**RP-2005-0021**

**EB-2005-0224**

**DATED: November 2, 2005**

**2000 MODEL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

## **2000 Model Franchise Agreement**

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THIS AGREEMENT effective this            day of            , 20

BETWEEN:

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ELLIOTT LAKE**

hereinafter called the "Corporation"

- and -



**union gas**

**LIMITED**

hereinafter called the "Gas Company"

WHEREAS the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the "By-law"), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

THEREFORE the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

### **Part I - Definitions**

#### **1. In this Agreement**

- (a) "decommissioned" and "decommissions" when used in connection with parts of the gas system, mean any parts of the gas system taken out of active use and purged in accordance with the applicable CSA standards and in no way affects the use of the term 'abandoned' pipeline for the purposes of the *Assessment Act*;

- (b) "Engineer/Road Superintendent" means the most senior individual employed by the Corporation with responsibilities for highways within the Municipality or the person designated by such senior employee or such other person as may from time to time be designated by the Council of the Corporation;
- (c) "gas" means natural gas, manufactured gas, synthetic natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or propane-air gas, or a mixture of any of them, but does not include a liquefied petroleum gas that is distributed by means other than a pipeline;
- (d) "gas system" means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
- (e) "highway" means all common and public highways and shall include any bridge, viaduct or structure forming part of a highway, and any public square, road allowance or walkway and shall include not only the traveled portion of such highway, but also ditches, driveways, sidewalks, and sodded areas forming part of the road allowance now or at any time during the term hereof under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (f) "Model Franchise Agreement" means the form of agreement which the Ontario Energy Board uses as a standard when considering applications under the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The Model Franchise Agreement may be changed from time to time by the Ontario Energy Board;
- (g) "Municipality" means the territorial limits of the Corporation on the date when this Agreement takes effect, and any territory which may thereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (h) "Plan" means the plan described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement required to be filed by the Gas Company with the Engineer/Road Superintendent prior to commencement of work on the gas system; and
- (i) whenever the singular, masculine or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine or masculine has been used where the context of the Agreement so requires.

## **Part II - Rights Granted**

### **2. To provide gas service**

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Municipality to the Corporation and to the inhabitants of the Municipality.

### **3. To Use Highways**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

### **4. Duration of Agreement and Renewal Procedures**

- (a) If the Corporation has not previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law.

or

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- (a) The Gas Company shall maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in sufficient amount and description as shall protect the Gas Company and the Corporation from claims for which the Gas Company is obliged to indemnify the Corporation under Paragraph 9. The insurance policy shall identify the Corporation as an additional named insured, but only with respect to the operation of the named insured (the Gas Company). The insurance policy shall not lapse or be cancelled without sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Corporation by the Gas Company.
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The Corporation agrees, in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence, to give the Gas Company reasonable notice of such proposed sale or closing and, if it is feasible, to provide the Gas Company with easements over that part of the highway proposed to be sold or closed sufficient to allow the Gas Company to preserve any part of the gas system in its then existing location. In the event that such easements cannot be provided, the Corporation and the Gas Company shall share the cost of relocating or altering the gas system to facilitate continuity of gas service, as provided for in Paragraph 12 of this Agreement.

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- (iv) the cost to the Gas Company for materials used in connection with the project, and
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- (d) The total relocation costs as calculated above shall be paid 35% by the Corporation and 65% by the Gas Company, except where the part of the gas system required to be moved is located in an unassumed road or in an unopened road allowance and the Corporation has not approved its location, in which case the Gas Company shall pay 100% of the relocation costs.

#### **Part IV - Procedural And Other Matters**

##### **13. Municipal By-laws of General Application**

The Agreement is subject to the provisions of all regulating statutes and all municipal by-laws of general application, except by-laws which have the effect of amending this Agreement.

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Notices may be delivered to, sent by facsimile or mailed by prepaid registered post to the Gas Company at its head office or to the authorized officers of the Corporation at its municipal offices, as the case may be.

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- (a) If the Gas Company decommissions part of its gas system affixed to a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall, at its sole expense, remove the part of its gas system affixed to the bridge, viaduct or structure.
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loss, cost, expense or damage occasioned thereby. If the Gas Company has not removed the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in a highway, the Gas Company may elect to relocate the decommissioned gas system and in that event Paragraph 12 applies to the cost of relocation.

**16. Use of Decommissioned Gas System**

- (a) The Gas Company shall provide promptly to the Corporation, to the extent such information is known:
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  - (ii) the location of all proposed and existing decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas.
- (b) The Gas Company may allow a third party to use a decommissioned part of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas and may charge a fee for that third party use, provided
  - (i) the third party has entered into a municipal access agreement with the Corporation; and
  - (ii) the Gas Company does not charge a fee for the third party's right of access to the highways.
- (c) Decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement. For decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission and distribution of gas, issues such as relocation costs will be governed by the relevant municipal access agreement.

**17. Franchise Handbook**

The Parties acknowledge that operating decisions sometimes require a greater level of detail than that which is appropriately included in this Agreement. The Parties agree to look for guidance on such matters to the Franchise Handbook prepared by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the gas utility companies, as may be amended from time to time.

**18. Other Conditions**

None.

**19. Agreement Binding Parties**

This Agreement shall extend to, benefit and bind the parties thereto, their successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement effective from the date written above.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
CITY OF ELLIOTT LAKE**

Per:

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George Farkouh, Mayor

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Troy E. Speck, Chief Administrative Officer

**UNION GAS LIMITED**

Per:

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Christine Jackson, Assistant Secretary



IN THE MATTER OF THE Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O.1980, Chapter 309, Section 8 and amendments thereto;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Northern and Central Gas Corporation Limited for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works and to supply gas to the inhabitants of the Town of Elliot Lake in the District of Algoma.

BEFORE: J. C. Butler )  
Presiding Member )  
H. R. Chatterson ) May 21, 1985  
Member )  
M. C. Rounding )  
Member )

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

UPON the application of Northern and Central Gas Corporation Limited ("Northern") to the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works and to supply gas in the Town of Elliot Lake;

AND Notice of Application having been published in the Ontario Gazette, the Sudbury Star and the Sault Star, and served on the Clerk of the Town of Elliot Lake, and no answer having been filed;

AND UPON the application having been heard in Sault Ste. Marie on December 18, 1984, in Toronto on January 2, 1985, and in Sault Ste. Marie on January 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9, 1985, in the presence of counsel for Northern and the Board;

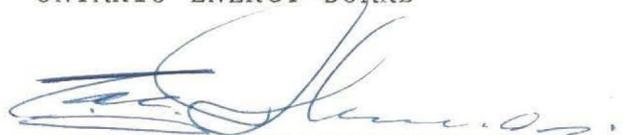
AND UPON THE BOARD having released a partial Decision on April 1, 1985 with Reasons to follow, and Reasons for Decision having been issued by the Board on May 21, 1985, the Board finding that public convenience and necessity requires that approval be given;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. This Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to Northern to construct works and to supply gas in the Town of Elliot Lake.
2. The Board's costs shall be paid by Northern as soon as these have been fixed.

ISSUED AT Toronto this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1985.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD



S.A.C. Thomas  
Board Secretary

**Attachments:** [2024 11 01 - Updated Guidelines to Municipalities.docx](#)  
[Draft Resolution - City of Elliot Lake.docx](#)  
[Draft Bylaw - City of Elliot Lake.docx](#)  
[Model Franchise Agreement - City of Elliot Lake \(Lower-Tier EGI North\).pdf](#)  
[2005 11 02 - Decision and Order - Section 10 - Elliot Lake Franchise Agreement.PDF](#)  
[EBC 147 - Certificate - Elliott Lake \(May 31, 1985\).pdf](#)  
[Gas Franchise Handbook \(May 2002\).pdf](#)  
[MA3759 - City of Elliot Lake Customer Density map.pdf](#)

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**From:** Kristen Oliver  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024 4:31 PM  
**To:** elclerks@elliottlake.ca  
**Subject:** Franchise Agreement Renewal – City of Elliot Lake

Good Afternoon,

The current franchise agreement in place between the City of Elliot Lake and Enbridge will expire in 2025. As the process can take six to eight months to approve, we start off a year in advance. You will see in the notes below that a current bylaw was not signed by the municipality or the former Union Gas as the decision for a franchise agreement was made by the Ontario Energy Board.

I would be happy to arrange a virtual meeting to walk through the process should you feel it's required. I am also available by phone with any questions. I can be reached at (807) 252-8417.

Thanks,  
Kristen Oliver

**Kristen Oliver**

Senior Advisor, Municipal & Stakeholder Engagement,  
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**My working day may not be the same as yours. Please note, you are not obligated to read or respond to this email outside of your work hours.**

On November 2, 2025, the current franchise agreement between the City of Elliot Lake and

the former Union Gas Limited will expire. Based on the most recent customer count report, we currently provide service to approximately 4,176 customers within the City of Elliot Lake. We have had gas distribution facilities in place within the City of Elliot Lake since approximately 1985.

Provincial legislation requires a franchise agreement between the municipal corporation and the gas company serving that municipality. The Ontario Energy Board has directed that the current 2000 Model Franchise Agreement be used as the model for such agreements.

As a result, Enbridge Gas and the City of Elliot Lake need to commence the process to renew a 20-year franchise agreement using the approved model.

*Note: The current franchise agreement with the City of Elliot Lake was put in place pursuant to a Section 10 application to the OEB. In April 2005, the OEB approved a proposed model franchise agreement for the City of Elliot Lake but when the municipality was asked to put their franchise agreement bylaw through 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading, they said that they wanted amendments to the franchise agreement related to various issues, including the disposition of decommissioned pipe, before executing the franchise agreement. Union Gas disagreed with the proposed amendments and submitted a Section 10 application to the OEB which gives the OEB the right to override the municipality and put a franchise agreement in place.*

*As a result, the current franchise agreement was not signed by the municipality nor Union Gas (not required when the OEB approves it pursuant to Section 10 of the Municipal Franchises Act) and there is no associated bylaw since the OEB's decision acts as the municipal bylaw.*

To assist you in this matter, I am enclosing the following documents for discussions with the City of Elliot Lake:

1. Franchise Agreement Renewal Documents:
  - Guidelines to Municipalities Respecting the Renewal of Franchise Agreements
  - Draft Resolution of the municipality
  - Draft By-Law of the municipality
  - 2000 Model Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.
  
2. Historical Background:
  - a copy of the current Franchise Agreement effective November 2, 2005 and the associated Decision and Order of the Ontario Energy Board

- a copy of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that Enbridge Gas holds for the City of Elliot Lake (EBC 147)

*Note: Our application to the OEB will include a request for an updated CPCN since the EBC 147 CPCN was issued for the "Town of Elliot Lake". Elliot Lake was incorporated as a city in 1990 and we are required to apply for an updated CPCN to reflect the municipal name change.*

3. Reference Documents:

- a copy of the Gas Franchise Handbook (an explanatory supplement to the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement)
- customer density map for areas served within the City of Elliot Lake

This entire process to get a franchise agreement approved by the Ontario Energy Board can be quite lengthy and may take up to eight months.

Please review the *Guidelines to Municipalities Respecting the Renewal of Franchise Agreements* with the City of Elliot Lake and arrange to have a Resolution passed by Council in a timely manner so that the regulatory approval process can commence.

It will be important to ensure that the municipality has 4 original copies of the franchise agreement and by-law signed off at the end of this process.

I would appreciate being notified when the City of Elliot Lake is expected to review the proposed franchise agreement renewal at a council meeting.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this material or need additional background information related to the City of Elliot Lake.

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE**

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**

September 22, 2025

That Council approves the form of draft by-law and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act; and

That Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act.

Resolution No.        307/25                                Carried                                Mayor Andrew Wannan



**Certified True Copy**

*[Original Signed By Natalie Bray]*

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Clerk        September 29, 2025

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE**

**BY-LAW NO. 25-XX**

Being a By-Law to authorize Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake and Enbridge Gas Inc.

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake deems it expedient to enter into the attached franchise agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") with Enbridge Gas Inc.;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Energy Board by its Order issued pursuant to the *Municipal Franchises Act* on the [xx] day of [month], 2025 has approved the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise provided in the Franchise Agreement is proposed to be granted, and has declared and directed that the assent of the municipal electors in respect of this By-Law is not necessary:

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake and Enbridge Gas Inc. attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, is hereby authorized and the franchise provided for therein is hereby granted.
2. **THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake to enter into and execute under its corporate seal and deliver the Franchise Agreement, which is hereby incorporated into and forming part of this By-Law.
3. **THAT** this by-law shall come into force and take effect as of the final passing thereof.

**PASSED** this [xx] day of [month], 2025.

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**MAYOR**  
**A. WANNAN**

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**CITY CLERK**  
**N. BRAY**

# **2000 Model Franchise Agreement**

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THIS AGREEMENT effective this                    day of                    , 2026

BETWEEN:

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE**

hereinafter called the "Corporation"

- and -

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

hereinafter called the "Gas Company"

WHEREAS the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the "By-law"), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

THEREFORE the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

## **Part I - Definitions**

### **1. In this Agreement**

- (a) "decommissioned" and "decommissions" when used in connection with parts of the gas system, mean any parts of the gas system taken out of active use and purged in accordance with the applicable CSA standards and in no way affects the use of the term 'abandoned' pipeline for the purposes of the *Assessment Act*;
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## **Part II - Rights Granted**

### **2. To provide gas service**

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Municipality to the Corporation and to the inhabitants of the Municipality.

### **3. To Use Highways**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

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**8. Restoration**

The Gas Company shall well and sufficiently restore, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, all highways, municipal works or improvements which it may excavate or interfere with in the course of laying, constructing, repairing or removing its gas system, and shall make good any settling or subsidence thereafter caused by such excavation or interference. If the Gas Company fails at any time to do any work required by this Paragraph within a reasonable period of time, the Corporation may do or cause such work to be done and the Gas Company shall, on demand, pay the Corporation's reasonably incurred costs, as certified by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.

**9. Indemnification**

The Gas Company shall, at all times, indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from and against all claims, including costs related thereto, for all damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, arising out of the Gas Company operating, constructing, and maintaining its gas system in the Municipality, or utilizing its gas system for the carriage of gas owned by others. Provided that the Gas Company shall not be required to indemnify or save harmless the Corporation from and against claims, including costs related thereto, which it may incur by reason of damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, resulting from the negligence or wrongful act of the Corporation, its servants, agents or employees.

**10. Insurance**

- (a) The Gas Company shall maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in sufficient amount and description as shall protect the Gas Company and the Corporation from claims for which the Gas Company is obliged to indemnify the Corporation under Paragraph 9. The insurance policy shall identify the Corporation as an additional named insured, but only with respect to the operation of the named insured (the Gas Company). The insurance policy shall not lapse or be cancelled without sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Corporation by the Gas Company.
- (b) The issuance of an insurance policy as provided in this Paragraph shall not be construed as relieving the Gas Company of liability not covered by such insurance or in excess of the policy limits of such insurance.
- (c) Upon request by the Corporation, the Gas Company shall confirm that premiums for such insurance have been paid and that such insurance is in full force and effect.

## 11. **Alternative Easement**

The Corporation agrees, in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence, to give the Gas Company reasonable notice of such proposed sale or closing and, if it is feasible, to provide the Gas Company with easements over that part of the highway proposed to be sold or closed sufficient to allow the Gas Company to preserve any part of the gas system in its then existing location. In the event that such easements cannot be provided, the Corporation and the Gas Company shall share the cost of relocating or altering the gas system to facilitate continuity of gas service, as provided for in Paragraph 12 of this Agreement.

## 12. **Pipeline Relocation**

- (a) If in the course of constructing, reconstructing, changing, altering or improving any highway or any municipal works, the Corporation deems that it is necessary to take up, remove or change the location of any part of the gas system, the Gas Company shall, upon notice to do so, remove and/or relocate within a reasonable period of time such part of the gas system to a location approved by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.
- (b) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall alter or relocate that part of the gas system at its sole expense.
- (c) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located other than on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the costs of relocation shall be shared between the Corporation and the Gas Company on the basis of the total relocation costs, excluding the value of any upgrading of the gas system, and deducting any contribution paid to the Gas Company by others in respect to such relocation; and for these purposes, the total relocation costs shall be the aggregate of the following:
  - (i) the amount paid to Gas Company employees up to and including field supervisors for the hours worked on the project plus the current cost of fringe benefits for these employees,
  - (ii) the amount paid for rental equipment while in use on the project and an amount, charged at the unit rate, for Gas Company equipment while in use on the project,
  - (iii) the amount paid by the Gas Company to contractors for work related to the project,

- (iv) the cost to the Gas Company for materials used in connection with the project, and
  - (v) a reasonable amount for project engineering and project administrative costs which shall be 22.5% of the aggregate of the amounts determined in items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above.
- (d) The total relocation costs as calculated above shall be paid 35% by the Corporation and 65% by the Gas Company, except where the part of the gas system required to be moved is located in an unassumed road or in an unopened road allowance and the Corporation has not approved its location, in which case the Gas Company shall pay 100% of the relocation costs.

#### **Part IV - Procedural And Other Matters**

##### **13. Municipal By-laws of General Application**

The Agreement is subject to the provisions of all regulating statutes and all municipal by-laws of general application, except by-laws which have the effect of amending this Agreement.

##### **14. Giving Notice**

Notices may be delivered to, sent by facsimile or mailed by prepaid registered post to the Gas Company at its head office or to the authorized officers of the Corporation at its municipal offices, as the case may be.

##### **15. Disposition of Gas System**

- (a) If the Gas Company decommissions part of its gas system affixed to a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall, at its sole expense, remove the part of its gas system affixed to the bridge, viaduct or structure.
- (b) If the Gas Company decommissions any other part of its gas system, it shall have the right, but is not required, to remove that part of its gas system. It may exercise its right to remove the decommissioned parts of its gas system by giving notice of its intention to do so by filing a Plan as required by Paragraph 5 of this Agreement for approval by the Engineer/Road Superintendent. If the Gas Company does not remove the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in any highway, the Corporation may remove and dispose of so much of the decommissioned gas system

as the Corporation may require for such purposes and neither party shall have recourse against the other for any loss, cost, expense or damage occasioned thereby. If the Gas Company has not removed the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in a highway, the Gas Company may elect to relocate the decommissioned gas system and in that event Paragraph 12 applies to the cost of relocation.

#### **16. Use of Decommissioned Gas System**

- (a) The Gas Company shall provide promptly to the Corporation, to the extent such information is known:
  - (i) the names and addresses of all third parties who use decommissioned parts of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas; and
  - (ii) the location of all proposed and existing decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas.
- (b) The Gas Company may allow a third party to use a decommissioned part of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas and may charge a fee for that third party use, provided
  - (i) the third party has entered into a municipal access agreement with the Corporation; and
  - (ii) the Gas Company does not charge a fee for the third party's right of access to the highways.
- (c) Decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement. For decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission and distribution of gas, issues such as relocation costs will be governed by the relevant municipal access agreement.

#### **17. Franchise Handbook**

The Parties acknowledge that operating decisions sometimes require a greater level of detail than that which is appropriately included in this Agreement. The Parties agree to look for guidance on such matters to the Franchise Handbook prepared by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the gas utility companies, as may be amended from time to time.

**18. Other Conditions**

None.

**19. Agreement Binding Parties**

This Agreement shall extend to, benefit and bind the parties thereto, their successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement effective from the date written above.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE**

Per:

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Andrew Wannan, Mayor

Per:

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Natalie Bray, City Clerk

**ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

Per:

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Mark Kitchen, Director, Regulatory Affairs

Per:

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David Marshall, Director, Station Operations and Customer Connections



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## Regulatory Information

Enbridge Gas is a regulated company through the Ontario Energy Board and Canada Energy Regulator. You can view all of our rate case information and evidence – as well as the evidence we filed in other regulatory proceedings. Please note that we have not posted any evidence that was confidential or that required a non-disclosure agreement.

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OTHER REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS

RATE CASES AND QRAM

EB-2025-0283 - City of Elliot Lake - Franchise and CPCN

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[Notice of Hearing](#)

▶ EB-2025-0255 - Township of Ramara - Franchise

▶ EB-2025-0242 - Regional Municipality of Durham - Franchise

▶ EB-2025-0221 - City of Cambridge - Franchise

▶ EB-2025-0219 - County of Renfrew - Franchise

▶ EB-2025-0218 - Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Franchise

▶ EB-2025-0058 - City of Guelph - Franchise and CPCN

This is Exhibit "B" to the Affidavit of Gary Collins sworn before me this 28th day of October 2025.

A Commissioner, etc