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**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Chief Kelly LaRocca:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc.  
East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project  
Clarification on Ministry of Energy and Mines Letter of Opinion  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2023-0343**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of the February 12, 2026, Letter of Opinion issued by the Ministry of Energy and Mines regarding the East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project, filed by Enbridge Gas as part of its application. For ease of reference, the OEB is enclosing the Letter of Opinion and its Appendix for Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation's information.

The OEB notes that the Appendix to the Letter of Opinion (Appendix) reflects several requests communicated by Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to the Ministry of Energy and Mines regarding project-related consultation, information sharing, real-time mitigation, adaptive management practices, and lifecycle engagement.

To ensure a full understanding of the request referenced in Ministry of Energy and Mines' correspondence, the OEB invites clarification from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation on several matters raised in the Appendix.

Specifically, the OEB requests assistance in clarifying the following:

1. What is included in "all documents and plans" filed by Enbridge Gas and to what agencies?

2. What is meant by “real time mitigation and adaptive management,” and, in the context of involvement during and after the construction phase of a project, how would these approaches function from an operational perspective? In particular, what role would Mississaugas of Scugog First Nation play?
3. What is meant by the term “full project lifecycle approach”? Specifically, how does this approach apply to the development and construction of a project, and what role would Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation play within such a framework?
4. What actions, if any, are expected in response to the information included in the Ministry of Energy and Mines’ Letter of Opinion?

Accordingly, the OEB requests that Mississaugas of Scugog First Nation file any written responses to the above questions, along with any additional comments regarding the Letter of Opinion and its Appendix, no later than **April 1, 2026**. To file a written response, please email [Registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:Registrar@oeb.ca) and reference Case Number **EB-2023-0343**.

If you have any questions relating to this letter or how to participate in the OEB’s hearing, please contact the OEB’s Case Manager, Arturo Lau at [Arturo.Lau@oeb.ca](mailto:Arturo.Lau@oeb.ca).

Yours truly,

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**Attachment A: Ministry of Energy and Mines Letter of  
Opinion on East Gwillimbury Leave to Construct**

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**Re: Letter of Opinion – East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project**

Dear Evan Tomek,

The Ontario Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM) has completed its review of the consultation undertaken by Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge) with Indigenous communities for the proposed East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project (the Project) as it relates to Enbridge's leave to construct application (Ontario Energy Board File: EB-2023-0343) (Application).

MEM has reviewed the information provided by Enbridge to MEM and the materials filed with the Ontario Energy Board in respect of the Application. MEM has also communicated directly with Indigenous communities to further understand any potential impacts to Aboriginal and/or treaty rights from the Project as well as community feedback about satisfaction with Enbridge's response or proposed mitigation, where appropriate.

This letter is to advise Enbridge that, based on this review and outreach, MEM is of the opinion that the procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult delegated and undertaken by Enbridge for the Project in relation to its Application are satisfactory.

Enbridge must file this letter with the OEB and keep the summary of the consultation record up to date until the OEB renders its decision.

It is expected that Enbridge will continue its consultation or engagement activities, as appropriate, with Indigenous communities throughout the life of the Project, and that Enbridge will notify MEM should any rights-based concerns or issues arise during its consultation or engagement with communities.

Separate from the opinion expressed in this letter, MEM would also like to bring to the attention of Enbridge several requests made of Enbridge by the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) during consultation on the Project that were also shared with MEM through direct communication with the community (see Appendix for details).

If you have any questions about this letter or require any additional information, please contact me at 416-562-9492 or [Shannon.McCabe@ontario.ca](mailto:Shannon.McCabe@ontario.ca) or Hilary Ferguson, Senior Advisor at [Hilary.Ferguson@ontario.ca](mailto:Hilary.Ferguson@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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## Appendix

The below outlines several requests that the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) made to Enbridge during consultation on the East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project, which were also shared with MEM through direct communication with the community:

- Should Leave to Construct (LTC) be granted to Enbridge on this Project, MSIFN requests that all documents and plans filed by Enbridge with the OEB after LTC is granted, be shared directly by Enbridge with MSIFN, per the commitment made by Enbridge to MSIFN during consultation on the Project and for future projects. MSIFN also requests Enbridge's Environmental Protection Plan for the Project and for future projects.
- MSIFN requests, should LTC be granted for the Project, that during Project construction and fifteen months after Project in-service date, Enbridge engage in real-time mitigation and adaptive management (i.e. a flexible, responsive approach to mitigating potential environmental impacts, rather than relying only on pre-planned measures) with MSIFN and other interested First Nation communities that were consulted in respect of its Application, and that the same approach be taken for future projects.
- MSIFN requests that Enbridge and MSIFN Consultation meet to discuss overarching matters related to Enbridge's consultation practices in general and in relation to future consultations, per the commitment made by Enbridge to MSIFN during consultation on the Project. One such overarching area relates to MSIFN's request to be engaged on a full project lifecycle approach for this Project and future projects, inclusive of post-construction restoration and monitoring and ongoing operations, reflecting a seven-generations planning perspective and long-term engagement.