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Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2026-0009

Requesting information on behalf:

Of an organization

Intervenor Name:

The Corporation of the County of Middlesex

Mandate and Objectives:

To ensure the changes to the Franchise Agreement align with municipal policy, operations and budget. To ensure changes to the Franchise Agreement do not have unreasonable or undue consequences to the municipality and rate payers.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

Membership of the intervenor are the rate payers of The Corporation of the County of Middlesex and every lower tier municipality, which are being grouped for the purpose of intervenor status at this hearing. They are: The Corporation of the Municipality of North Middlesex; The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre; The Corporation of the Township of Lucan-Biddulph; The Corporation of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe; The Corporation of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex; The Corporation of the Village of Newbury; The Corporation of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; and the Municipality of Middlesex Centre.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

The intervenor group is comprised of an upper-tier municipality and 8 lower-tier municipalities in its geographic region. The group of municipalities carry out the standard functions of municipalities provided for under the Municipal Act, 2001, including but not limited to infrastructure, roads, servicing, engineering and economic development.

Governance Structure:

The intervenor representatives are the in-house legal department for the County of Middlesex and act on behalf of each lower-tier municipality, as instructed. The legal department reports to and receives instructions from directors and CAO's, who obtain direction from each respective Council.

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Frequent Intervenor Form:

Add all individuals listed on our Frequent Intervenor Form as contacts for this proceeding:

N/A

Names and email addresses of individuals to be added as contacts for this proceeding:

N/A

OEB Proceedings:

Item Description	Category	Status
n/a		

Issues:

The draft list of issues touches on and impacts financial and operational aspects of the intervenor group. Changes to the proposed sections in the Model Franchise Agreement will have consequences on municipal budgeting and day-to-day operations with respect to gas lines on municipal lands, and more specifically road allowances and development lands.

Policy Interests:

The County represents a municipal policy interest in infrastructure planning and maintenance (including roads and rights of way), public safety, and prudent fiscal management, as reflected in its Official Plan. These interests are directly engaged by the issues under review, including pipeline relocation cost-sharing, easements and highway closures, and the treatment of decommissioned gas infrastructure.

Hearings:

Any of the formats would be acceptable, with preference to written and/or an electronic hearing. These formats would be most conducive to the intervenor parties and their respective interests in terms of making submissions.

Evidence:

Given the preliminary nature of this proceeding, the County does not intend to file evidence at this time but reserves the right to do so in accordance with the OEB rules and any future procedural orders or as the evidentiary record is further developed.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

The Corporation of the County of Middlesex is aligned with the interests of its lower-tier

municipalities. These are: The Corporation of the Municipality of North Middlesex; The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre; The Corporation of the Township of Lucan-Biddulph; The Corporation of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe; The Corporation of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex; The Corporation of the Village of Newbury; The Corporation of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc; and the Municipality of Middlesex Centre.

Cost Awards:

The County seeks cost award eligibility as a municipality participating in a generic proceeding of broad application. The County primarily represents a municipal policy perspective relevant to the Board's mandate and this proceeding, including interests relating to infrastructure planning and maintenance, public safety, and prudent fiscal management. These interests are directly engaged by the issues under review, and the County's participation will assist the OEB in understanding municipal impacts and ensuring a balanced and practical outcome. The County intends to participate responsibly and efficiently. The County and the intervenor group it represents as a whole meets the criteria set out in Section 3.03, subject to Sections 3.05 and 3.07.

Language Preference:

No.