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Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2026-0009

Requesting information on behalf:

Of an organization

Intervenor Name:

Township of Woolwich

Mandate and Objectives:

The Township of Woolwich (the "Township") is a lower-tier municipality located in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo with a population of approximately 27,000 residents. The Township has an existing franchise with Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge") which is set to expire in December 2026. The Township takes issue with several provisions in the current Model Franchise Agreement, particularly as it concerns cost-sharing between municipalities and gas utilities over highway sales, pipeline relocations, etc. The Township is further attentive to how the outcome of this generic hearing could impact a pending renewal of its franchise with Enbridge. To this end, the Township seeks to make submissions and (if necessary) submit evidence as an intervenor to assist the OEB in its adjudication of this matter.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

As noted, the population of the Township is approximately 27,000 residents, including ratepayers.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

As a lower-tier municipality, the Township consists of seven departments which provide services to local residents, namely: the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Corporate Services; Development Services; Financial Services; Fire Services; Infrastructure Services; and Recreation and Community Services.

Governance Structure:

As a lower-tier municipality, the Township's governing council consists of one mayor and five councilors who are elected to serve four-year terms in municipal elections. The Township's seven departments are overseen by the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, who reports to municipal council and provides overall leadership and direction for the Township.

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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:

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Issues:

As a lower-tier municipality with an existing franchise with a gas utility set to expire in December 2026, the Township stands to be directly impacted by all five draft issues listed on the OEB's Notice of Hearing for this generic review. Specifically, the Township is concerned with the resolution of the following issues: 1) potential changes to the provisions contained in section 11 of the Model Franchise Agreement pertaining to cost sharing in the event of a proposed sale or closing of a highway where there is an existing gas line; 2) potential changes to the cost-sharing provisions contained in section 12 of the Model Franchise Agreement relating to the costs associated with pipeline relocations; and 3) how any changes to the Model Franchise Agreement should affect existing gas franchise agreements (e.g., the Township's existing franchise with Enbridge) and other applications before the OEB.

Policy Interests:

The Township's primary policy interest is in ensuring that any potential changes to the Model Franchise Agreement take into consideration the financial and environmental impact that gas utility franchises have on lower-tier municipalities, particularly when it comes to cost-sharing provisions.

Hearings:

The Township is prepared to intervene in the OEB's chosen form for this generic hearing

Evidence:

The Township reserves any right to file evidence as part of its intervention in the generic hearing. Specifically, the Township anticipates filing evidence concerning its existing franchise with Enbridge, and the impact that the current Model Franchise Agreement has on

such franchises between gas utilities and lower-tier municipalities. Until the OEB has provided further information pursuant to the draft issues list contained in the Notice of Hearing, it is difficult to otherwise assess the time needed and cost to prepare the Township's proposed evidence. However, the Township intends to seek an award of costs for any evidence it files.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

The Township is unable to provide further information at this early stage of the generic hearing regarding potential coordination with other intervenors who have similar interests. Subject to instructions from municipal council, Township staff are willing to consider coordination of the Township's intervention with other area and/or lower-tier municipalities.

Cost Awards:

The Township currently intends to apply for a costs award. For the reasons outlined above, the Township possesses a bona fide interest in the outcome of this generic hearing and a unique policy perspective that is relevant to the OEB's mandate. To this end, the Township is likely to submit relevant evidence concerning the impact of the current Model Franchise Agreement on lower-tier municipalities. The Township's intervention is thus within the public interest and stands to assist the OEB in its adjudication of this generic hearing. A costs award is appropriate in such circumstances.

Language Preference:

The Township intends to participate in the generic hearing in English.