



VIA EMAIL:
All Ontario municipalities

Township of Puslinch
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March 14, 2024

RE: 9.3.1 Report ADM-2024-010 Enbridge Gas Follow-Up

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-072:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receives report ADM-2024-010 regarding the follow-up to the Enbridge Gas Presentation on February 7, 2024; and

Whereas access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability; and

Whereas the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Puslinch; and

Whereas Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, and is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk; and

Whereas delivery rates for electricity in rural areas are significantly more costly than delivery rates in urban centres creating an inequity for those living in rural areas; and



Whereas Bill 165: Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, 2024, if passed, would reverse a December 2023 decision by the OEB that requires consumers to pay the cost of connecting a new home to natural gas infrastructure up front instead of over a period of 40 years; and

Whereas Bill 165: Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, 2024, if passed, would increase the OEB's Leave to Consult threshold from \$2 million to \$10 million, requiring that fewer energy projects would need OEB orders to construct a new pipeline resulting in project streamlining and focusing OEB approvals on larger, more complex projects;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Township of Puslinch supports Bill 165: Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, 2024; and
2. That the Township of Puslinch supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition; and
3. That the Township of Puslinch recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification; and
4. That Natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario; and
5. That the Township of Puslinch supports the need for equitable electricity delivery rates in rural areas and natural gas offers an affordable option for these rural areas at this time; and
6. That the Township of Puslinch supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy; and
7. That this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Hon. MPP Arnott, Hon. MPP Rae, all Ontario municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in



Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com; and further

That Council direct staff to consult with Enbridge Gas on the next steps associated with commencing the Community Natural Gas Expansion Program in Puslinch subject to the passing of Bill 165: Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, 2024.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC:
Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford,
Minister of Energy, Hon. Todd Smith
Hon. MPP Arnott,
Hon. MPP Rae,
All Ontario municipalities