



## **Natural Gas Expansion Program – Anticipated Submission Requirements**

The province is helping expand natural gas access to more communities in Ontario through its Natural Gas Expansion Program. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has been directed to examine and report back to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines on potential natural gas expansion projects to assist the provincial government in determining which future expansion projects will receive government funding.

Enbridge Gas Inc. will submit project proposals to the OEB based on the OEB's Guidelines, which are currently under development. Based on the draft Guidelines issued by the OEB (EB-209-0255), Enbridge Gas Inc. anticipates it will be required to include letters from the Band Council(s) and/or local government, as applicable, stating support for proposed projects and providing details of any commitment to financial support.

Although Enbridge Gas Inc. is not currently aware of any requirement for municipal financial contributions to qualify for grant funding under the Natural Gas Expansion Program, the Company believes that a municipality's contribution toward project costs (e.g., equivalent to the municipal portion of property taxes recovered on the new infrastructure being built for a period of 10 years) would demonstrate the community's support for the proposed project. How this contribution is made is up to the discretion of the municipality or First Nation in consultation with Enbridge Gas Inc.

Note: To support project economics, councils should understand that Enbridge Gas Inc. will apply a 23 cent/m<sup>3</sup> System Expansion Surcharge to all customers connected through the proposed project for a defined period of time of up to 40 years as a contribution toward recovery of the cost of the proposed project.

**For Enbridge Gas Inc. to complete its submission to the OEB, we will be looking to gather the following information for proposed projects and may be seeking the municipality's assistance:**

- 1) Map of desired service area, including:**
  - a. Residential dwellings within the potential service area
  - b. Commercial dwellings within the potential service area
  - c. Industrial properties (excluding farms) within the potential service area
  - d. Farms and agri-businesses (grain elevators, feed manufacturing, etc.) within the potential service area
  - e. Institutional buildings (municipal facilities, schools, hospitals, etc.) within the potential service area
  
- 2) Information regarding the primary heating source in your community, including:**
  - a. Number of properties currently heated using electric baseboard
  - b. Number of properties currently heated using electric forced air
  - c. Number of properties currently heated with propane
  - d. Number of properties currently heated with oil
  - e. Number of properties currently heated with wood

Project submission requirements have not yet been finalized by the OEB. We will notify municipalities if additional information is required for purposes of our submission to the OEB.

Please send your information to your municipal advisor or [savewithgas@enbridge.com](mailto:savewithgas@enbridge.com).