COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO: Mayor and Members
   City Council

DATE: February 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Notice of Commencement - Hamilton Airport Regional Expansion Project – Enbridge Gas Inc. c/o: Golder Associates Ltd. – for lands located on Dickenson Road and Nebo Road, Glanbrook (Ward 11)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: Ward 11

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SUBMITTED BY: Carlo Ammendolia
   Acting Director, Growth Management
   Planning and Economic Development Department

SIGNATURE: 

INFORMATION

The purpose of this Communication Update is to inform City Council of the Notice of Commencement - Hamilton Airport Regional Expansion Project – Enbridge Gas Inc. c/o: Golder Associates Ltd. – for lands located on Dickenson Road and Nebo Road, Glanbrook (Ward 11), attached as Appendix “A” to this Communication Update.

Per Report PED20099 to the Committee of the Whole on June 3, 2020, staff were directed to provide a letter of support for the submission by Enbridge Gas Inc. to the Provincial Government’s Natural Gas Expansion Projects for the Airport Employment Growth District and Red Hill Business Parks, and individual applications for the rural settlement areas of Rockton; Sheffield, Westover; and Alberton, with no financial contribution (See Appendix “B” to this Communication Update).

On June 9, 2021, the Province announced that the Hamilton Airport area and the Red Hill Business Park were selected as an Area of Benefit approved for Natural Gas Expansion Project Phase 2 (Economic Development stream) funding.
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It is noted that the requested rural settlement areas of Rockton; Sheffield, Westover; and Alberton, were not successful for funding under the program per the above noted decision by the Province.

Since this submission and subsequent decision, Enbridge Gas Inc., has been preparing the necessary details for pursuit of the related approved projects within the Hamilton Airport Area and Red Hill Business Park.

Accordingly, Golder Associates Ltd., on behalf of Enbridge Gas Inc. has provided the Notice of Commencement for projects located on Dickenson Road and Nebo Road, Glanbrook (Ward 11), identified as Components 3 and 4 respectively per the Notice of Commencement attached as Appendix "A" to this Communication Update.

In particular, Golder Associates Ltd. on behalf of Enbridge Gas Inc., is currently undertaking an Environmental Study and Report in order to determine route option(s) and the preferred route(s) from an environmental and socio-economic perspective, in advance of filing a Leave to Construct Application with the Ontario Energy Board, with construction anticipated to commence in Spring / Summer 2023.

Per the notice, it is requested that the municipality provide information pertaining to existing conditions and planning policies and guidelines relevant to the study area, along with any information regarding future development in the study area by March 22, 2022.

In review, Components 3 and 4 of the proposal fall within the City of Hamilton, being:

**Component 3 – Dickenson Road:**

Installation of a six-inch diameter polyethylene (PE) Pipeline commencing at Aeropark Boulevard and running west for 1.6km, to be completed along an existing two-inch (PE) pipeline.

**Component 4 – Nebo Road:**

Installation of a six-inch diameter polyethylene (PE) Pipeline commencing at Twenty Road East and running south for 700m, to be completed along an existing two-inch (PE) pipeline

Where possible, the project will be completed within the existing road allowances and easements to minimize disruption. Station upgrades may also be required as part of this project. Permanent easement and temporary working space and laydown areas may also be required adjacent to road allowances to facilitate movement and storage of
equipment necessary for construction. Enbridge Gas Inc. will work with stakeholders and landowners to identify and secure appropriate working space and easements as required. The above noted projects are mapped and identified as Components 3 and 4 respectively per the Notice of Commencement attached as Appendix “A” to this Communication Update.

Conclusion

The respective projects have been circulated to the City’s Pipeline Technical Review Team for review and comment. Upon completion of the review, comments and information will be compiled for response to Enbridge Gas Inc., care of Golder Associates Ltd., to assist them in preparing the subsequent Environmental Study and Report in preparation of a future Leave to Construction application with the Ontario Energy Board.

Based on the foregoing, Staff have circulated the Notice of Commencement and will prepare and provide all required information and details in response to the Notice of Commencement - Hamilton Airport Regional Expansion Project – Enbridge Gas Inc. c/o: Golder Associates Ltd. – for lands located on Dickenson Road and Nebo Road, Glanbrook (Ward 11) by the required deadline of March 22, 2022.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” – Notice of Commencement – Hamilton Airport Regional Expansion Project

Appendix “B” – Appendix “B” to Report PED20099 – Letter of Support for the submission by Enbridge Gas Inc. to the Provincial Government’s Natural Gas Expansion Projects for the Airport Employment Growth District and Red Hill Business Parks, and individual applications for the rural settlement areas of Rockton; Sheffield, Westover; and Alberton, with no financial contribution

If you have any questions respecting this communication, please contact Alvin Chan, Manager of Legislative Approvals/Staging of Development, by phone at Ext. 2978 or email at Alvin.Chan@hamilton.ca
February 3, 2022

To Whom It May Concern
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario L8P4Y5

Dear Sir / Madam,

ENBRIDGE GAS INC. – PROPOSED HAMILTON AIRPORT REGIONAL EXPANSION PROJECT
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is proposing a project to meet the increased demand for energy in Hamilton, Brantford, Brant County, North Dumfries, Haldimand County, and Norfolk County. The Project (known as Hamilton Airport Regional Expansion) is proposed to have four components, which are:

- Component 1: ‘Brantford Lateral’, is located in the Township of North Dumfries and the County of Brant. This component will consist of a steel natural gas transmission pipeline, which may range from 13 to 16.6 km in length, and will have a pipeline diameter of 12, 16, or 20-inches. Four pipeline route options are being considered. All route options begin at an existing station north of the intersection of Cheese Factory Road and Maple Manor Road in the Township of North Dumfries, and terminate at an existing station on Governors Road East just east of the intersection with Park Road North, in Brant County at the border with the City of Brantford. Option 1 would travel south along Cheese Factory Road through the community of St. George (Brant County), and then west along Governors Road East. Option 2 would travel south along Cheese Factory Road, west on Maple Manor Road and south on the Brantford Highway, then east on Governors Road East. Options 3 and 4 would travel south along the same route, which follows the easement of an existing natural gas pipeline. Option 3 would involve the installation of a pipeline parallel to the existing pipeline, while Option 4 would involve the replacement of the existing pipeline.

- Component 2: ‘Port Dover East’, is located in Haldimand County and Norfolk County. This component consists of a 3 km steel natural gas distribution pipeline, extending east along Highway 3 from the intersection with Highway 6 (in Norfolk County) to the intersection with Haldimand Road 70, in Haldimand County near Nanticoke. The two options being considered for this component include the installation of a new four-inch diameter pipeline parallel to the existing two-inch diameter steel pipeline, or the replacement of the existing pipeline with a six-inch diameter steel pipeline.

- Component 3: ‘Dickenson Road’, is located in the City of Hamilton. This component consists of the installation of a six-inch diameter polyethylene (PE) pipeline commencing at Aeropark Boulevard and running west for 1.6 km, in Hamilton. Installation will be completed along an existing two-inch PE pipeline.

- Component 4: ‘Nebo Road’, is located in the City of Hamilton. This component consists of the installation of a 6-inch diameter PE pipeline commencing at 20 Road East and running south for 700 m, in Hamilton. Installation will be completed along an existing two-inch PE pipeline.

Where possible, the project will be located within existing road allowances and easements to minimize disruption. Station upgrades may also be required as part of this project. Permanent easement and temporary working space
and laydown areas may also be required adjacent to the road allowances to facilitate the movement and storage of equipment necessary for construction. Enbridge Gas will work with stakeholders and landowners to identify and secure appropriate working space and easements as required.

Enbridge Gas has retained Golder Associates Ltd., a member of WSP, to undertake an environmental study for the project’s four components. The study will examine the route options and determine, from an environmental and socio-economic perspective, the preferred route(s). An Environmental Report will be prepared in accordance with the Ontario Energy Board’s (OEB’s) Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation for Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario, Seventh Edition (2016). The preparation of the Environmental Report is currently underway, and it is anticipated that the Environmental Report will be completed in spring 2022. Upon completion, Enbridge Gas will file an application for a Leave-to-Construct for the Project with the OEB for approval. If approved, construction of the project is anticipated to begin in the spring / summer of 2023.

To support the environmental study, Golder is compiling information regarding existing environmental, socio-economic, cultural heritage and archaeological features in the study area. The study area is depicted in the attached notice. Golder is also compiling information regarding current planning policies and guidelines for consideration in the study. We are requesting any information pertaining to existing conditions and planning policies and guidelines relevant to the study area that may fall within your mandate. In addition, we are requesting information regarding future development in the study area under your jurisdiction. If you have information relevant to the project, please contact the undersigned to discuss how we can obtain this information from your organization.

The environmental study includes consultation with Indigenous communities and engagement with government agencies and officials, property owners, local interest groups and the general public. The outcomes of the consultation and engagement process will play a fundamental role in the planning and development of the project. Due to government restrictions on public gatherings as a result of COVID-19, Enbridge Gas will be hosting a virtual open house for the project that will provide more information to interested people and present the opportunity for people to ask questions and provide feedback.

**Further details about the virtual open house are provided in the notice attached to this letter.**

All feedback and input gathered during the virtual open house and throughout the consultation and engagement process for the project will be used to confirm baseline environmental conditions along the routes of the four components. This feedback and input will inform the selection of the preferred route(s) and identify site-specific mitigation for all of the project’s components, as required.

We kindly request that any input and comments are provided by your organization by **March 22, 2022**.
February 3, 2022

Please contact the undersigned by phone or by email to provide any comments, feedback, and input that you may have regarding the project.

Sincerely,
Golder Associates Ltd.

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Attachments (1): Notice of Study Commencement and Virtual Open House

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PROPOSED HAMILTON AIRPORT REGIONAL EXPANSION PROJECT

Project Overview
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If you have any questions or comments regarding the project, if you are unable to access the virtual open house, or would prefer an alternative format of the virtual open house materials, please contact:

Kevin McGillicuddy, Golder Associates Ltd.
Telephone: 807 632 9713
E-mail: HamiltonExpansionProject@golder.com

Virtual Open House
Indigenous consultation and public engagement are fundamental components of the study. Input received from Indigenous communities and stakeholders will inform the study and identification of site-specific mitigation for the project. Due to government restrictions on public gatherings as a result of COVID-19, Enbridge Gas will host a Virtual Open House to provide information about the project and to present an opportunity for interested stakeholders to ask questions and provide feedback. We want to hear from you!

Virtual Open House Active Dates:
Feb. 21, 2022 9:00 AM — March 06, 2022 5:00 PM ET
Website: www.hamiltonexpansionproject.ca

For additional information on the project, please visit: www.enbridgegas.com/hamiltonairport
June 3, 2020

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Attention: Wayne Passmore

RE: City of Hamilton ("City") Letter of Support
Enbridge Gas Inc. City of Hamilton Natural Gas Expansion Projects
("Projects") for submission to the Ontario Energy Board; and, the Ministry of
Energy Natural Gas Expansion Program

Dear Wayne,

The City’s interest in the five individual Projects relates to how it may impact the
environmental and financial well-being of the municipality, as well as the health, safety and
well-being of its inhabitants.

In review of these Projects for the expansion of natural gas services by Enbridge Gas Inc.,
to the Airport Employment Growth District and Red Hill Business Parks; and, the rural
settlement areas of Rockton; Westover; Sheffield; and Alberton, be submitted to the
Ontario Energy Board for application under the Ministry of Energy Natural Gas Expansion Program.

Accordingly, as per the Program Guidelines, the City supports the expansion of natural
gas services to the Airport Employment Growth District and Red Hill Business
Parks; and, to the rural settlement areas of Rockton; Westover; Sheffield; and,
Alberton. However, the City is not in a position to make any financial contributions
to this Project, as per the rationale documented below:

Rationale for No Financial Contribution:

Financial Concerns:

Staff was unable to document the financial implications of the individual Projects and
requests for Financial Contribution, due to internal deadlines and availability of Council
meetings.
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As such, the City was not provided sufficient time to complete a thorough financial analysis and evaluation of the potential implications of making a financial contribution to these projects.

In particular, albeit the City did receive mapping from Enbridge Gas Inc, additional information, including but not limited to, the type, length, and diameter of the pipeline, and the rate applied for property assessment purposes would be required together in consultation with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in order to validate the estimated property tax figure.

Natural Heritage Concerns; Source Water Protection Concerns; Cultural and Built Heritage Concerns; Municipal Infrastructure Concerns; and, Emergency Response.

In discussion with Enbridge Gas Inc., the preferred options and optimal route have not yet been established and will be completed should the Ministry approve a Grant for any of the five individual projects.

Accordingly, the City requests the opportunity under any project, to review and comment on any proposed options and / or routes; and potential conditions of approval, as part of any approval process, including, but not limited to, applications before the Ontario Energy Board.

Lastly, in the absence of a preferred option or route, the City was not provided sufficient time to evaluate partnering and the timing of project construction, in order to leverage other municipal works occurring along the same corridor for any of these projects.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Sue Rimac, Business Development Consultant, Economic Development Division
Jennifer Patterson, Senior Business Development Consultant, Economic Development Division
Councillor Brenda Johnson (Ward 11)
Councillor Lloyd Ferguson (Ward 12)
Councillor Arlene VanderBeek (Ward 13)