

October 1, 2025

VIA EMAIL

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc - Consultation on the future of natural gas expansion in Ontario**

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At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-283

**Moved by:** Councillor Giordano

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Province has posted ERO 025-0923, Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion, seeking feedback from municipalities, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders on how Phase Three (3) could best support access to natural gas for community development;

AND WHEREAS expanding access to natural gas is identified as a tool to support affordability and economic growth in Ontario communities, with Phases One (1) and Two (2) estimated to enable connections for approximately 17,000 buildings across 59 communities, and 16 projects completed to date;

AND WHEREAS Bradford West Gwillimbury continues to experience unprecedented growth, the population is projected to increase from 48,000 residents to over 85,000 by 2051, and is working toward its housing and employment land goals that contribute to Ontario's broader objective to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031, requiring accommodation of approximately 27,000 new residents through 16,270 additional housing units, and recognizes that timely servicing solutions (including natural gas where appropriate) can help enable these targets;

AND WHEREAS Bradford West Gwillimbury's Growth Management Plan to 2051 identifies the Highway 400 Employment Corridor encompassing over 1,400 acres of designated prestige employment lands capable of supporting 19,000 additional jobs across targeted sectors including advanced manufacturing, transportation, logistics, and agri-food processing, and natural gas expansion will be essential infrastructure to accommodate residential, agricultural, industrial, commercial, and institutional development in three priority corridors;

AND WHEREAS Bradford West Gwillimbury is home to the Holland Marsh agricultural area - "The Salad Bowl of Ontario" - producing over \$450 million annually across 125 farms and 66 varieties of vegetables, with many rural residents and agricultural operations currently dependent on expensive heating alternatives including propane, heating oil, and electricity;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's energy future relies on a balance of affordability, reliability, and sustainability by leveraging a mix of energy solutions—including natural gas, electricity, and emerging energy technologies, to meet growing community needs, and whereas natural gas continues to play a critical role in supporting energy affordability, economic competitiveness, and enabling housing and employment growth across the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council:

Supports the Ministry's consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses access to natural gas as an option to other energy solutions to advance BWG's housing, employment lands, agricultural sustainability, and economic development objectives;

Directs the Manager of Economic Development to submit comprehensive comments to ERO 025-0923 reflecting BWG's priorities, including: priority for all application types (residential, agricultural, industrial/commercial/institutional), alignment with the Official Plan and Growth Management Plan to 2051, identification of three priority corridors (Canal Road Corridor, Highway 400 Employment Corridor, and Northern Corridor) where gas access would enable development of housing, employment lands, and agricultural operations, and list of practical barriers including timing, permitting, costs, and infrastructure coordination;

Confirms natural gas expansion is integrated into municipal planning and commits to supporting projects through expedited approvals, development coordination, and cost-sharing partnerships where possible;

Authorizes the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to engage in Phase 3 NGEP discussions and partnership negotiations with Enbridge Gas Inc. and other natural gas developers; and

Forwards this resolution to Minister Stephen Lecce (Energy and Mines), Premier Doug Ford, AMO President Robin Jones, MPP Caroline Mulroney (York-Simcoe), MPP Andrea Khanjin (Barrie-Innisfil), Enbridge Gas Inc., County of Simcoe, Holland Marsh Growers' Association, and neighbouring municipalities.

CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tara Reynolds". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tara" being more prominent than the last name "Reynolds".

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