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TCPL Energy East Pipeline OEB Presentation
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I would first like to extend my appreciation to the Ontario Energy Board for the opportunity to present my views on Trans Canada Pipe Lines' Energy East Pipeline project. I also wish to extend my respect and appreciation to all who are also presenting here today.

My name is Mike Milinkovich and I am the Mayor of the township of Black River-Matheson, a municipality with approximately 2,400 citizens located directly south of the City of Timmins. Our township is a beautiful region with over 150 lakes, rivers, ponds and creeks in one of the largest townships, geographically, in Northeastern Ontario. Our township's economy is based primarily on mining, forestry and agriculture.

I am a graduate of Ryerson University as an Electronic Engineering Technologist. Most of my career was involved in Research & Development on telecommunications, networking, computer aided design & computer aided manufacturing systems at Bell-Northern Research in Ottawa and with Nortel in Quality Engineering, sales, marketing and international business development.

I appreciate the concerns, passion and the intense emotions from some who are presenting and attending here today. I too have an intense interest in protecting our world for future generations but as the mayor I am also deeply concerned for the well being of the citizens living in our municipality today.

We all face risks in our everyday lives. Our country, our provinces and our municipalities all faces risks from incalculable sources but there are policies, methods, processes and technologies developed that help to mitigate risk. I have faith in the new pipe line technologies and processes, in their construction techniques, monitoring technologies and their quick response teams who will work to keep potential risks to an absolute minimum.

Our country and the world must continue to rely on hydro carbons for energy and materials used in our daily lives for many years to come until such time as science can develop alternatives; perhaps "Cold Fusion" may some day become a future reality?

I am certain that most small communities like ours across Ontario and probably the rest of Canada where they operate, would agree with me that TCPL are excellent corporate citizens. They have contributed in so many ways to our small northern municipality. Their

employees and their families are integral members of the towns in which they live participating as volunteers in so many ways, in supporting our community halls, various community groups, and our First Nations neighbors.

Not only are the jobs they bring important, but the taxes TCPL contribute each year to our municipality and local school boards are absolutely critical to our municipality.

Please note the following;

Township of Black River-Matheson (BRM) 2014 Budget

- Total Revenue from all sources: \$6.2M
- TCPL taxes to BRM: \$1.1M
- TCPL taxes to local school boards: \$1.0M

TCPL will contribute approximately 18% of our total tax revenues in 2014. The significance of this is that for approximately every \$25K increase in operating expenses or a similar decrease in tax revenues, our taxes must increase by 1% or some of our services cut.

Not only will TCPL taxes continue supporting our township from their existing facilities but the Energy East Pipeline plan may include the construction of additional pumping stations in our township that will further increase our tax revenues.

In summary, at the municipal level we badly need the tax revenues and the new jobs that will be created in our municipality. At the provincial and federal levels the significant increase in badly needed jobs and taxes generated will contribute to the well being of all Canadians.

My belief is that the potential risks are far outweighed by the benefits that will accrue to hundreds of cities, towns and villages in Ontario and Canada from the Energy East Pipeline project.

I strongly support the Energy East Pipeline project that is being planned by TransCanada Pipe Lines. Thank you.

Mike Milinkovich, Mayor,
Township of Black River-Matheson