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Ontario Energy Board Announces Community Discussions on Energy East Proposal

Toronto – The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) today released information about its coming discussions with First Nation and Métis communities on the impact of TransCanada’s proposed Energy East Pipeline.

The Board will meet with members of local aboriginal communities along the route of the proposed Energy East Pipeline. The meetings will be interactive, including a brief overview presentation by the Ontario Energy Board and a discussion facilitated by John Beaucage.

The discussions with First Nation and Métis representatives will take place in the following locations:

Kenora	March 25, 2014
Thunder Bay	March 26, 2014
Nipigon	March 28, 2014
Timmins	April 1, 2014
North Bay	April 2, 2014
Kanata	April 7, 2014
Akwesasne	April 8, 2014

The Board will also be holding community discussions during the same period to seek the views of the public and local residents regarding the Energy East project.

In addition to discussions with local, First Nation and Métis communities the Ontario Energy Board will organize a conference to discuss broader issues of concern to Ontarians, including the economic impact of the Energy East project on Ontario, the impact on gas consumers, and the environment and pipeline safety. The location and date of the conference will be announced shortly.

The Ontario Minister of Energy has asked the OEB to examine and report on the Energy East project from an Ontario perspective. The Ontario Government will use the Board's report to inform its own position, when it participates in the hearings on the proposed pipeline at the National Energy Board. The OEB has no jurisdiction over the Energy East Pipeline project.

Quick Facts

- The proposed Energy East Pipeline is an approximately \$12 billion project to transport crude oil from Western Canada through Ontario to Quebec and New Brunswick.
- In Ontario, TransCanada proposes to convert approximately 1,900 kilometres of existing pipeline, construct about 100 kilometres of new pipeline, and build approximately 30 pumping stations.

Learn More

The OEB has a website www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/oebenergyeast where Ontarians can get more information about the project, signup for e-updates, and offer their views.

Read our [Backgrounder](#)

(http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Documents/Press%20Releases/bckgrndr_AboutOEB_20140303.pdf) to learn more about the OEB and its role in the Energy East approvals process.

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