

Decision on Enbridge's Application for Leave to Construct – East Gwillimbury Community Expansion Project

On May 14, 2026, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its [Decision and Order](#) approving Enbridge Gas Inc.'s (Enbridge) request to build approximately 36.5 kilometres of natural gas pipeline in the Town of East Gwillimbury with potential pipeline sections in the Township of King, Town of Georgina and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (the Project).

The Project is among those selected to receive funding assistance under Phase 2 of the Government of Ontario's [Natural Gas Expansion Program](#).¹ Expected to cost \$13.0 million, the Project is intended to connect approximately 263 homes and businesses that do not have access to natural gas service.

In its Decision and Order the OEB:

- Provided approval to construct the Project, subject to the OEB's standard conditions of approval.
- Approved the forms of easement and temporary land use agreements Enbridge will offer to landowners affected by the routing or location of the Project.
- Issued new Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the former Township of East Gwillimbury and the Township of King, replacing Enbridge's existing certificates, to address municipal boundary and name changes.

INTERVENORS

Intervenors are individuals or groups who have permission to participate in a hearing before the OEB because they have a substantial interest in the proceeding. Environmental Defence, the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario and Pollution Probe participated in this proceeding.

CONSIDERATIONS

In reaching its decision to approve the Project, including its determination of whether the Project is in the public interest, the OEB considered the following factors, consistent with its standard [Leave to Construct Issues List](#):

- Project Need
- Project Alternatives
- Project Cost and Economics
- Environmental Impacts
- Land Matters
- Indigenous Consultation
- Conditions of Approval

¹ Ontario Regulation 24/19 (Expansion of Natural Gas Distribution Systems), made under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

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