

Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Report to Council

Report Title: OEB Intervenor Status - EPCOR Brockton Expansion CPCN

Prepared By: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer

Department: Administration

Date: November 23, 2021

Report Number: CAO2021-30 **File Number:** C11AD, E06EP

Attachments: OEB Notice,

EPCOR Application to Amend CPCN, Letter to OEB Re Intervenor Status

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2021-30 - OEB Intervenor Status - EPCOR Brockton Expansion CPCN, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

On September 28, 2021, staff brought Report Number CAO2021-21 regarding EPCOR's planned application to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), to amend their limited Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to a full CPCN, which would allow EPCOR to service Brockton residents with Natural Gas.

EPCOR has submitted their application for the amended CPCN as of October 20, 2021 and the OEB has provided the attached notice for those interested in being an active participant, also called an Intervenor.

Analysis:

Upon recommendation from legal council retained for the Natural Gas project we have applied to be an Intervenor as part of the application from EPCOR to amend the CPCN. This application will ensure we have an eye on the process, we will receive all submissions and can monitor who the intervenors are should there become opposition to the project. Upon receipt of the submissions we can evaluate if we need to provide further information for the written hearing to support the natural gas project proceeding in Brockton.

We will update Council as the written hearing proceeds.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

•	Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision?	Yes
•	Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy?	N/A
•	Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity?	Yes
•	Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity?	Yes
•	Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity?	Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

\$30,000 was included in the 2021 budget for legal fees that may be required related to the natural gas project.

Reviewed By:

Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer