

Report to Council

Report Title:	EPCOR Notice of Study Commencement and Open Houses		
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Department:	Administration		
Date:	June 21, 2022		
Report Number:	CAO2022-21	File Number:	C11AD, E06EP
Attachments:	Notice of Study Commencement Letter		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2022-21 - EPCOR Notice of Study Commencement and Open Houses, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

In June 2021, the Ontario Government announced \$234 million in additional funding for the Natural Gas Expansion Program and EPCOR was awarded \$20.3 million to expand the Southern Bruce Natural Gas Distribution System.

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 submitted their application for an amended CPCN on October 20, 2021 and received an approval for the amendment on March 2022, as per Report CAO2022-13.

Analysis:

Before construction can begin an Environmental Study will need to be conducted in order to fulfill the requirement of the OEB: "Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario, 7th Edition (2016)". This study is anticipated to be completed Summer 2022 and construction to begin Spring 2023, pending the results of the Environmental Study.

As the construction of the approximate 107 kilometers of natural gas pipelines is anticipated to be constructed within road allowances, staff will be in discussions with EPCOR and Stantec Consulting regarding anything that may affect the routing, construction and / or operation of the proposed project.

As part of the Environmental Study, EPCOR will be hosting two open houses:

Virtual Open House

Tuesday June 21, 2022 to Tuesday July 5, 2022

<https://www.solutions.ca/EPCOR-BrocktonER/>

In-Person Open House

Monday June 27, 2022: 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Cargill Community Centre

Comments will be received until July 22, 2022. The open house will be advertised locally.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

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

- Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer