

Report to Council

Report Title:	Natural Gas Project - Leave to Construct Application Filed		
Prepared By:	Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer		
Department:	Administration		
Date:	August 8, 2023		
Report Number:	CAO2023-13	File Number:	C11AD, E06EP
Attachments:	Ontario Energy Board Notice Leave To Construct Application		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2023-13 – Natural Gas Project – Leave to Construct Application Filed, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in doing so approves filing for intervenor status to support EPCOR’s leave to construct application to provide natural gas services in Brockton.

Report:

Background:

For a number of years EPCOR has been diligently working to bring natural gas to the community of Brockton. We are pleased to report EPCOR has now applied for the leave to construct natural gas pipelines in the Municipality of Kincardine, the Township of Arran-Elderslie, the Municipality of Brockton and the Municipality of West Grey. This application will see the largest number of residents served in the Brockton area.

Analysis:

The Ontario Energy Board Notice is attached as is the OEB package for Council’s information. As outlined on the Notice there are various ways to participate and obtain information related to this project. One of those ways is by seeking intervenor status. I recommend the Municipality file to become an Intervenor with a position of support and even inclusion to comment on the need for natural gas in the community and to support stage 1 and 2 of the proposed project. This will allow us to be in a position to offer arguments of support, ask questions of the OEB related to the application to construct in Brockton should there be a number of intervenors that file that may be opposed to the project advancing.

With Council approval we will file for intervenor status by the August 14th deadline.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

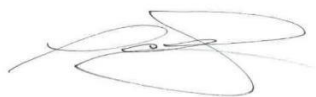
What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?		
• Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving 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

None at this time.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer