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# Enbridge Gas teams up with Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services to Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Safe Community Project Zero

**TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET, ON, October, 12, 2023** – Today, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas), the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) and Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services announced they are working together to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services received 120 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero–a public education campaign that will provide more than 10,000 alarms to residents in 50 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$315,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 15 years, the program has provided more than 86,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

"Properly maintaining fuel burning equipment is the best way to reduce potential exposure to carbon monoxide, and an alarm is a critical second line of defense for protection. When we implement these strategies together, we protect our loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning, also known as the silent killer," says Richard Hammond, Senior Advisor of Operations - Niagara, Enbridge Gas.

"Across Ontario there is a renewed focus on the importance of having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home. The objective of Safe Community Project Zero is to deliver these alarms to areas where they are needed most," says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the FMPFSC. "It's a program that fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a carbon monoxide alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage."

"Early detection through the use of properly installed and maintained smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can mean the difference between life and death for our community, friends and families," says Township of Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services Fire Chief Morgan Alcock. "This ongoing partnership with Enbridge Gas and the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council has provided the community of Wainfleet with hundreds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that wouldn't have been there otherwise, and as a public safety professional, I am incredibly grateful for their support."

### **About Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services**

The community of Wainfleet rests between the shores of Lake Erie and the Welland River, in the southwest corner of the Niagara Region. This 220 square kilometer municipality, composed of largely agricultural lands, blended with quaint hamlets, woodlands and various water courses, is home to nearly 6800 residents.

By the end of October 2023, the historic Station 1 (Winger) and Station 2 (Wainfleet) will be amalgamated to become Central Station located in the newly constructed fire hall in the hamlet of Chambers Corners. With over 50 dedicated volunteer firefighters, Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services will be serving the Wainfleet community out of three fire stations consisting of Central Station, Burnaby Station and Schwoob Station.

#### About the FMPFSC

The FMPFSC was established in 1993 with a mission to help create "a world where no one is hurt by fire." Chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal, the FMPFSC promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with various groups and individuals with an interest in public safety. Follow the FMPFSC on Twitter @FMPFSC.

#### About Enbridge Gas Inc.

Enbridge Gas is Canada's largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario, with 2023 marking its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving customers. The distribution business provides safe, affordable, reliable energy to about 3.9 million customers and is leading the transition to a clean energy future through net-zero emissions targets and investments in innovative low-carbon energy solutions. The storage and transmission business offers a variety of storage and transportation services to customers at the Dawn Hub, the largest integrated underground storage facility in Canada and one of the largest in North America. Enbridge Gas is owned by Enbridge (ENB), a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution. Visit enbridgegas.com to learn more.

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