

1. **C-2024-034**
Correspondence dated January 24, 2024 from Enbridge Gas Inc. respecting a call to action regarding the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application.
2. **C-2024-035**
Correspondence dated January 24, 2024 from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell respecting a resolution of support for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review.
3. **C-2024-036**
Correspondence dated February 7, 2024 from the Town of Grimsby respecting a resolution regarding Advocacy of Mental Health and Addiction Support.
4. **C-2024-037**
Correspondence received February 7, 2024 from the Township of Wainfleet Age-Friendly Committee respecting adopted minutes of the Committee meeting held December 20, 2023
5. **C-2024-038**
Correspondence dated February 8, 2024 from the Town of Petrolia to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and Ontario Good Roads Association respecting a request to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

January 24, 2024

Received January 29, 2024
C-2024-034

Your Worship and Members of Council,

I am writing to inform you of our concerns with the [Ontario Energy Board's \(OEB\) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application](#), issued on December 21, 2023. The disappointing decision puts future access to natural gas in doubt and sets a deliberate course to eliminate natural gas from Ontario's energy mix. This decision is about the millions of Ontarians who rely on natural gas to keep their homes warm, and the many businesses throughout Ontario who depend on natural gas for day-to-day operation.

Our 2024 rate rebasing application was designed to provide our customers with safe and reliable natural gas at a reasonable cost, in addition to measured steps to help Ontario advance a practical transition to a sustainable energy future. Natural gas plays a critical role in Ontario's energy evolution mix while supporting the reliability of Ontario's electricity system. Natural gas meets 30 percent of Ontario's energy needs, which can not be easily or quickly replaced.

We are taking action to secure the future of natural gas in your communities. We are filing a motion in late January to review evidence with the OEB and seeking a judicial review of this decision.

Without natural gas, communities across Ontario will feel the impacts of this decision in their everyday lives – the stakes are high.

- **Energy Affordability:** Those looking to connect to natural gas will be required to pay an upfront fee, which creates a significant financial barrier to all forms of residential and commercial development. This resulting fee adds thousands of dollars to individual consumers' cost to obtain or expand gas service.
- **Economic Growth:** This decision will put economic developments in your community at risk. The decision limits the ability of future expansion projects to support regional investment to meet the ever-growing energy needs in your community and communities across Ontario. That includes greenhouses, grain dryers, industrial parks, and any new businesses or housing developments seeking access to natural gas.
- **Energy Access:** Preserving customer choice is critical. Constraining access to natural gas through a reduction in capital will significantly limit the future development of essential energy infrastructure vital to moving manufacturing, agriculture, and the consumer goods industry in Ontario.
- **Energy Security:** On an annual basis, natural gas delivers twice the energy to Ontario than electricity, and five times the maximum peak capacity of Ontario's electricity grid at a quarter of the cost. Even in the worst weather conditions, our reliable natural gas system delivers.

As local leaders across the province, your voice matters, and we encourage you to take action.

Reach out to your MPP to share your support for the government's [quick action](#) and write the OEB about the consequences of reduced access to the natural gas grid to support economic development, housing growth, energy reliability. Use your voice to acknowledge the need for natural gas and infrastructure in Ontario today and into the future while we take a measured step towards energy transition.

We ask that you reach out to your municipal advisor or find us at municipalaffairs@enbridge.com to get started.

Sincerely,



Michele Harradence
President
Enbridge Gas Inc.

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting



Agenda Number: 6.7

Resolution Number: 2024-009

Title: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Received January 31, 2024
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Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded by Geneviève Lajoie

Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

And whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

And whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

And whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

And whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges, like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers, and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

And whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

And whereas property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses, cannot afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

And whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

And whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

Be it resolved that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be circulated to all the municipalities in Ontario.

Carried as amended

Mélissa Cadieux, Clerk



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Administration**

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Received February 7, 2024
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February 7, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

RE: Advocacy of Mental Health and Addiction Support

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 5, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Freake

Whereas in May of 2023, Town of Grimsby declared a state of emergency on mental health, housing affordability and addiction.

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Grimsby ask Niagara Region to deliver more preventative drug-education in our community.

Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby make readily available to the community a collective of all resources for the assistance of addiction and mental health support and treatment.

Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby approach the Canadian Mental Health Association and express interest in hosting a safe beds program in the Town of Grimsby.

Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby, in partnership with the Niagara Regional Police collectively evaluate and advocate for the need of assistance from the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team.

Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby advocate to the Province and the Region about the need to remove as many barriers as possible in seeking treatment in support of mental health and addiction, including but not limited to accessibility and affordability.

Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby circulate the motion to all Niagara-area municipalities.

Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby circulate the motion to the following individuals with request for their response:

- Dean Allison MP
- Michael Tibollo, Ontario Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Ontario Minister of Health
- Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara West

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC: Ann-Marie Norio, Niagara Regional Clerk
Canadian Mental Health Association
Niagara Regional Police
Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Niagara Municipalities
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET
AGE-FRIENDLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

C06/23
DECEMBER 20, 2023
6:00 P.M.
BOARDROOM 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Flagg
 L. Gibson
 M. Grace
 P. Shaw
 S. Van Vliet

REGRETS: L. Hickey
 K. Krause
 A. Stapleton

STAFF PRESENT M. Kirkham Deputy Clerk

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1. **Call to Order**
 The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **Declarations of Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
 None.

3. **Adoption of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - a) Minutes of the regular meeting held November 2, 2023
 Without objection, the regular meeting minutes of the meeting held November 2, 2023 were adopted as circulated.

4. **Delegations**

5. **Business**
 - a) Niagara Transit Commission – Council Nomination
 Council nominated a Wainfleet resident for citizen representation on the Niagara Transit Commission Public Advisory Committee. The Niagara Region will then consider the nomination for appointment in early 2024.

 - b) Grants/Funding
 Member Flagg provided the Committee with various grant/funding opportunities to keep an eye out for that could potentially cover a wide range of needs and initiatives, aiming to enhance the quality of life for older adults.

6. Action Items from Previous Meeting

- a) Options for Survey Creation
- b) Home Care
- c) Housing
- d) Transportation

- i. Delegation

The Transportation Commission has been invited to present information respecting the services they provide to Wainfleet in regards to transit in early 2024. Committee members are encouraged to attend this meeting of Council.

- e) Recreation

The Committee discussed the initiative of having a monthly newsletter go out to Wainfleet residents to communicate the programs/activities that are currently being provided at the Senior's Centre. We will continue to work toward more effective communication and include as a standing item moving forward on the agenda.

- f) Health Care (EMS)

7. Other Business

None.

8. Next Meeting Date

- a) 2024 Committee Meeting Schedule

The 2024 Committee Meeting schedule was approved and calendar invites will be sent tomorrow.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

L. Gibson, CO-CHAIR

M. Kirkham, RECORDING SECRETARY

Approved February 7, 2024

February 8, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Attn: Board of Directors
Via email roma@roma.on.ca

Received February 8, 2024
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Ontario Good Roads Association
Attn: Board of Directors
Via email info@goodroads.ca

Via email

RE: return to combined ROMA and OGRA conferences

Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

During the February 5, 2024 regular meeting of council, council in response to a notice of motion from Deputy Mayor Joel Field the following resolution passed:

MOVED: Bill Clark

SECONDED: Chad Hyatt

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Petrolia call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Bob Bailey and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended

Carried

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Kind regards,

Original Signed

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Clerk/Operations Clerk

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