



City of Hamilton
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 20-005
Date: February 7, 2020
Time: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GIC
BUDGET MEETING
Location: Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Stephanie Paparella, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 3993

4. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *4.1 Victoria Galea, Green Party of Ontario, respecting Item 7.1 - Enbridge Gas Inc. Leave to Construct Application for the 2021 Dawn to Parkway Extension and Integrated Resource Planning Proposal (PED20053)
- *4.2 Keith Boulton, Enbridge Gas Inc., respecting Item 7.1 - Enbridge Gas Inc. Leave to Construct Application for the 2021 Dawn to Parkway Extension and Integrated Resource Planning Proposal (PED20053)

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

- *5.1 Nicole Smith, Kumon Hamilton West End, respecting Item 7.1 - Enbridge Gas Inc. Leave to Construct Application for the 2021 Dawn to Parkway Extension and Integrated Resource Planning Proposal (PED20053) (no copy)

4.1

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council
Submitted on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - 2:19 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Victoria Galea

Name of Organization: Green Party of Ontario

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak on agenda item 7.1 against the development of the Enbridge pipeline.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

4.2

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 - 11:37 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Keith Boulton

Name of Organization: Enbridge Gas Inc.

Contact Number: 519-436-4600

Email Address: Keith.Boulton@enbridge.com

Mailing Address: 500 Consumers Road, Toronto, ON
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Reason(s) for delegation request: Requesting to present to the Friday February 7, 2020 General Issues Committee Meeting (specifically, Meeting #:20-005 which is listed as 'Immediately following the GIC Budget Meeting') in regards to Discussion Item 7.1 - Enbridge Gas Inc. Leave to Construct Application for the 2021 Dawn to Parkway Extension and Integrated Resource Planning Proposal (PED20053) (Wards 13 and 15).

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Protecting the Beverly Swamp



Upper Spencer Creek



Source: Fracked Wells in PA

- Why is fracking so problematic?
- ‘The process of extraction has long-lasting negative impacts on the surrounding environment. Air pollution and water contamination due to the toxic chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing are the greatest concerns within fracking sites, while the need for wastewater disposal and shrinking water supplies are also pressing issues directly related to the procedure.’

Importance of Beverly Swamp

- covers about 5,600 acres (2,300 hectares) of which 2,300 acres (920 hectares) is owned by the Hamilton Conservation Authority.
- one of the largest, natural swamps in Southwestern Ontario.
- performs a vital natural conservation function, acting as a great sponge for the watershed. It contains a rich diversity of plant and animal life, some of which are rare for this part of Ontario.

How would the pipeline impact?

- pipeline proposed is to parallel existing pipelines which have been there for many years. The right of way for this new pipeline will vary from 28 to 30 metres in width.
- That is the equivalent of an eight- or nine-lane roadway (wider than the 401)
- requires additional temporary easements, each being several acres of land, so the destruction in the swamp will be much more extensive.

Why build it? Why not?

- Enbridge says its customers need more fuel
- But we are in a #ClimateEmergency so all of the fossil fuel industry's assumptions must be re-examined.
- The pipeline will not benefit Ontario and Ontario gas customers will pay more (total: \$120 M)
- (Thanks to the Honourable Thomas A. Beckett, Q.C. for the information from his op-ed)

Further considerations

- Some of the gas is headed for New England, because American regulators won't allow a new pipeline through their territory.
- The pipeline will set the stage for a huge increase in use of polluting gas-fired generating plants including increase in greenhouse gas-pollution from gas-fired generating plants in Ontario. They're planning to boost greenhouse gas emissions from these generating stations by more than 400% if the pipeline is completed.

Particularly Disturbing

- “Enbridge strives for zero spills, but when it comes to pipeline safety, the company has an oil-splattered record. According to Enbridge’s own data, between 1999 and 2010, the company had 804 spills, releasing 6.8 million gallons of hydrocarbons.”

What is the OEB asking?

- ‘OEB is asking for written comments by 4:45 pm on Monday, February 10 on whether it’s important to look at the climate-wrecking greenhouse gases emitted during extraction of the gas (by fracking) and/or the emissions when the gas is burned. Comments can be submitted by email to boardsec@oeb.ca or on-line at <https://www.oeb.ca/participate/applications/current-major-applications/eb-2019-0159>.’

OEB is asking (cont):

- In their words, the OEB is asking for opinions on whether its review should include:
- “i. impacts related to the methods of upstream natural gas extraction (such as hydraulic fracturing) for natural gas that will be transported through the pipeline
- ii. impacts related to the ultimate downstream consumption of the natural gas transported through the pipeline.”

Conclusions

- Many, many downsides for Ontario and the U.S.
- No upsides for Ontario
- Why are we as a province even considering allowing Enbridge to do this?
- Thanks for your time.

Do we have good alternatives?

- Very much so, including:
- restoring and expanding energy efficiency programs
- contracting for low-cost water power from Quebec.