

**Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors Resolution
Thursday February 6, 2020**

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**MOVED BY: Brad Clark
SECONDED BY: Jim Cimba**

CARRIED

THAT the Hamilton Conservation Authority acknowledges our limited mandate as outlined in Section 20 of the Conservation Authorities Act R.S.O. 1990 in regard to gas, oil, coal and minerals;

THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to advise Enbridge Gas Inc. that the HCA opposes the easement request pending the results of an ecological study, independent peer review of the same study and the pending Ontario Energy Board's decision regarding the proposed natural gas pipeline, specifically a decision approving the project;

THAT staff be directed to advise the Ontario Energy Board that the Hamilton Conservation Authority encourages the Ontario Energy Board to take climate change considerations into account when determining if the natural gas pipeline is in the public interest as they consider Enbridge Gas Inc.'s Leave to Construct Application; and,

THAT the Hamilton Conservation Authority requests that the Ontario Energy Board conduct oral hearings.

THAT the Ontario Energy Board be advised that the Hamilton Conservation Authority supports including within the scope of the Leave to Construct proceeding the following:

- 1. impacts related to the methods of upstream natural gas extraction (such as hydraulic fracturing) for natural gas that will be transported through the pipeline**
- 2. impacts related to the ultimate downstream consumption of the natural gas transported through the pipeline.**