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His Worship Bob Bratina Mayor City of Hamilton Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Bratina:

Thank you for your letter of December 12, 2012 and for sharing Council's resolutions regarding the Enbridge Pipeline Inc. Line 9A Flow Reversal Project.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter and the report to my colleague the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy, for his ministry's consideration. It has also been shared with officials in my ministry.

Thank you, again, for writing and please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely.

Jim Bradley Minister

The Honourable Peter Kent C: Minister of the Environment (Canada)

> The Honourable Bob Chiarelli Minister of Energy



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December 12, 2012

The Honourable Peter Kent, M.P. Minister of the Environment Les Terrasses de la Chaudière 10 Wellington Street, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H3

The Honourable James Bradley, M.P.P. Minister of the Environment 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ferguson Block 77 Wellesley Street West Toronto, Ontario M7A 2T5

Dear Honourable Ministers:

City Council, at its meeting held on November 28, 2012, approved Item 20 of General Issues Committee Report 12-033 which reads as follows:

## 20. Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9A Flow Reversal Project

Whereas the Line 9A light crude oil pipeline reversal project has been approved by the National Energy Board;

And Whereas Hamilton the General Issues Committee received a report from staff on the Line 9A Enbridge pipeline reversal for light crude oil shipment,

And Whereas the General Issues Committee heard from a number of citizen delegations posing questions (see below for a list of questions/concerns);

And Whereas Enbridge submitted a pre-application letter to the National Energy Board on October 11, 2012 giving notice of an upcoming Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project application.

## Therefore Be It Resolved:

(a) That City staff request additional information and report back to the General Issues Committee, as follows:

- (i) Description of the public process around intervening in the Enbridge Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project application, expected in late November 2012;
- (ii) Request information from the National Energy Board on:
  - (aa) Line 9A/9 pipeline integrity studies, including a comparison between the Kalamazoo River pipeline characteristics and the Line 9A/9 pipeline;
  - (bb) Impartial information on the corrosiveness of diluted bitumen as compared to ordinary crude oil and implications for pipeline safety, including possible spills;
  - (cc) Providing the City of Hamilton with copies of any applications/correspondence by Enbridge pertaining to Line 9A/9;
- (iii) Request information from Enbridge Pipelines Inc. on:
  - (aa) Results of the pipeline "integrity digs" conducted on Line 9 in Flamborough;
  - (bb) How Enbridge can assist in monitoring drinking water wells
  - (cc) Emergency response plan in case of a spill;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton Emergency Response staff report back on whether or how a light, medium, heavy crude and diluted bitumen spill would be handled along the Line 9A/9 Enbridge pipeline, including how a response and cleanup would be funded, and how the City can request a bond from Enbridge to cover the costs of a spill;
- (c) That Report PED12160/LS12022 respecting Enbridge Pipelines Incorporated Line 9 Reversal Project, received by City Council on October 30, 2012 in approving Item 7 of General Issues Committee Report 12-029, be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, inviting cooperation from other municipalities affected by the Enbridge Line 9A/9 pipeline;
- (d) That the Mayor forward correspondence to Environment Canada requesting a full environmental assessment into Line 9A/9 being used to flow diluted bitumen east through Ontario to Quebec and Maine;

(e) That the Mayor forward correspondence to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment requesting that they support the need for a Federal environmental assessment on the Line 9A/9 Project.

Attached for your information and review is Staff Report PED12160/LS12022 which was considered by the General Issues Committee at their meeting held on November 27, 2012. This correspondence is being forwarded pursuant to sub-sections (d) and (e) above.

Should you have any questions in regard to this matter, please contact Guy Paparella, Director of Growth Planning, at (905)546-2424 Ext. 5807, or by e-mail at Guy Paparella@hamilton.ca.

Your consideration of Council's request is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly

Bob Bratina

Mayor

c.c. Guy Paparella, Director of Growth Planning