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**From:** Julie Alexander <Julie.Alexander@enbridge.com>  
**Sent:** April 6, 2024 10:54 PM  
**To:** Jamie Eckenswiler; CAO  
**Cc:** Tom Hutchinson  
**Subject:** Important Information from Enbridge Gas regarding the Neustadt Community Expansion

Dear Mayor Eccles,

On September 15, 2023, Enbridge Gas filed a Leave to Construct (LTC) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for the Neustadt Community Expansion project. As you know, your municipality provided a letter of support for the project, which was included in the application.

Throughout regulatory proceedings, Environmental Defence (ED), has relentlessly implemented tactics to delay natural gas expansion projects, resulting in additional steps and time in the OEB regulatory process. Despite the OEB having denied previous motions submitted by ED, they have recently filed yet another motion as part of a pattern of repeated attempts to introduce evidence related to non-natural gas alternatives within Natural Gas Expansion Program (NGEP) funded project proceedings. This motion not only adds to the duration and complexity of the regulatory process but continues to delay service to customers and communities that have expressed interest in natural gas service.

We believe that consumers should be the ones to choose the type of energy they use for their homes and businesses rather than special interest groups.

Enbridge Gas is at a critical stage in moving this project forward for the 2024 construction season and the ongoing tactics from special interest groups such as ED put projects at risk as they cannot move forward until motions are reviewed and appeals are resolved.

In an effort to bring natural gas service to Neustadt in 2024, we ask that you reach out to the OEB and/or Ministry of Energy to deny ED's motion and issue timely approval for your project.

We will share our construction schedule pending LTC approval and will continue to engage with customers to help inform them of their decisions to convert to natural gas.

Enbridge Gas remains committed to working with our partners to help reduce red tape and ensure that more homes, businesses, local and Indigenous communities can access reliable, cost-effective energy options they need and want.

Please note Enbridge Gas's Reply submission is due to be filed by **Friday, April 19, 2024**. If the Municipality will be reaching out to deny Environmental Defense's motion it would be appreciated if written correspondence could be sent prior to that date. We would appreciate if Enbridge Gas could either be copied on the correspondence or perhaps a copy provided thereafter.

Kind regards,  
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