



Eric VanRuymbeke  
Sr. Advisor  
Leave to Construct Applications  
Regulatory Affairs

Tel: (519) 436-4600 x5002241  
Email: [eric.vanruymbeke@enbridge.com](mailto:eric.vanruymbeke@enbridge.com)  
[EGIRegulatoryProceedings@enbridge.com](mailto:EGIRegulatoryProceedings@enbridge.com)

Enbridge Gas Inc.  
50 Keil Drive  
Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5M1  
Canada

January 17, 2025

**BY RESS AND EMAIL**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Nancy Marconi:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)  
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File: EB-2024-0084  
Cherry Valley Community Expansion Project  
Interrogatory Responses**

---

In accordance with the OEB's Procedural Order No. 1 dated December 4, 2024, enclosed please find the interrogatory responses of Enbridge Gas.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*Eric VanRuymbeke*

Eric VanRuymbeke  
Sr. Advisor – Leave to Construct Applications

cc: Henry Ren (Enbridge Gas Counsel)  
Natalya Plummer (OEB staff)  
Lawren Murray (OEB counsel)

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Answer to Interrogatory from  
OEB Staff

Interrogatory

Reference:

Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 2: Delegation Letter, December 29, 2022;  
Attachment 7: Indigenous Consultation Report: Summary Tables and Attachment 8:  
Indigenous Consultation Log (as of December 11, 2024)

Preamble:

Ten Indigenous communities have been identified by the Ministry of Energy and  
Electrification (Ministry of Energy) as potentially impacted by the project:

- Alderville First Nation
- Beausoleil First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Chippewas of Georgina Island
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Huron-Wendat Nation
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

Enbridge Gas provided the following information to each of the ten Indigenous  
communities identified by the Ministry of Energy as potentially impacted by the project:

- A detailed description of the nature and initial scope of the project. This included  
a list of other provincial or federal approvals that may be required for the project  
to proceed
- Maps of the project location
- Letter containing information on the Virtual Open House
- Environmental Report (ER), providing information about the potential effects of  
the project on the Environment, including archaeological assessments (AA)
- Updated ER

- Notice of Project Change, providing information about the changed route, if the adjusted route reduces potential cumulative effects and interference and safety hazards
- OEB's Notice of Hearing, providing information on how to participate in the OEB's hearing regarding the Project

As required by the OEB's Environmental Guidelines on Hydrocarbon Projects and Facilities in Ontario, Enbridge Gas filed an Indigenous Consultation Report (ICR) and Log of the consultation with its application. Enbridge Gas provided an updated ICR on December 18, 2024, as required by Procedural Order No. 1.

Question(s):

a) On December 18, 2024, Enbridge Gas filed an updated ICR, including engagement activities up to December 11, 2024. In its update, Enbridge Gas stated that it has provided responses to Hiawatha First Nation's comments on the Environmental Report on December 11, 2024.

i. Please advise whether there has been any further response from Hiawatha First Nation, providing a copy of any response that has been received.

ii. Please confirm whether there are any outstanding concerns that Enbridge Gas is aware of with respect to Hiawatha First Nation.

iii. Please describe any additional engagement activity undertaken by Enbridge Gas with respect to the Hiawatha First Nation, since December 11, 2024.

b) Please discuss any outstanding concerns Indigenous communities raised after December 11, 2024. How is Enbridge Gas addressing these concerns?

c) Please describe Enbridge Gas's plans for continuing engagement with the ten Indigenous communities. Which channels of communication will be used and which information regarding the project construction, operation or any other aspect of the project will be conveyed?

Response:

a)

i - iii)

Enbridge Gas and Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) have exchanged correspondence since December 11, 2024. On December 17, 2024, Enbridge Gas had a face-to-face

meeting with HFN; however, the Project was not discussed. On January 13, 2025, Enbridge Gas sent an email to HFN following up on the responses provided on December 11, 2024. On January 16, 2025, Enbridge Gas received an email from HFN advising that they had reviewed the Enbridge Gas responses and, at this time, had no further questions or concerns. Enbridge Gas responded to the HFN representative, thanking HFN for taking the time to review and confirm. The email correspondence from January 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> is included at Attachment 1.

- b) No additional concerns have been identified by Indigenous communities since December 11, 2024.
- c) Enbridge Gas plans to continue engagement with the Indigenous communities by providing Project updates and responding to any follow-up questions from the Indigenous communities. The channels of communication may include in-person or virtual meetings, emails, and site tours. Project updates typically include information regarding construction progress. Information provided during operations will vary depending on the circumstances, including the nature of any planned operational activities that may be undertaken. Enbridge Gas will remain available to answer any questions or address any concerns related to such operations.

---

**From:** Melanie Green  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2025 9:42 AM  
**To:** Sean Davison <[sdavison@hiawathafn.ca](mailto:sdavison@hiawathafn.ca)>; Mandy Mcgonigle <[mmcgonigle@hiawathafn.ca](mailto:mmcgonigle@hiawathafn.ca)>  
**Cc:** Mike Howard <[dcdc@hiawathafn.ca](mailto:dcdc@hiawathafn.ca)>; Gabrielle Lapalme <[gabrielle.lapalme@enbridge.com](mailto:gabrielle.lapalme@enbridge.com)>; Tami Showers <[Tami.Showers@enbridge.com](mailto:Tami.Showers@enbridge.com)>; Lauryn Graham <[lauryn.graham@enbridge.com](mailto:lauryn.graham@enbridge.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: 23-123 Cherry Valley Environmental Report Review

Good morning and Happy New Year!

Just following up on the below email. Curious to know if there were any comments or concerns on the responses sent back on the Cherry Valley Community Expansion Project.

Thank you much in advance,

Mel

**From:** Sean Davison <[sdavison@hiawathafn.ca](mailto:sdavison@hiawathafn.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2025 3:15 PM  
**To:** Melanie Green <[Melanie.Green@enbridge.com](mailto:Melanie.Green@enbridge.com)>; Lauryn Graham <[lauryn.graham@enbridge.com](mailto:lauryn.graham@enbridge.com)>  
**Cc:** Mike Howard <[dcdc@hiawathafn.ca](mailto:dcdc@hiawathafn.ca)>  
**Subject:** [External] FW: 23-123 Cherry Valley Environmental Report Review

**CAUTION! EXTERNAL SENDER**

Were you expecting this email? TAKE A CLOSER LOOK. Is the sender legitimate? DO NOT click links or open attachments unless you are 100% sure that the email is safe.

Good afternoon and Happy New Year!!!  
Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

I've taken some time to review Enbridge responses to comments provided. Much appreciated. At this time we have no further questions or concerns.

Sean

Miigwech;

Sean Davison

---

**From:** Melanie Green

**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2025 4:06 PM

**To:** 'Sean Davison' <sdavison@hiawathafn.ca>; Lauryn Graham <lauryn.graham@enbridge.com>

**Cc:** Mike Howard <dcdc@hiawathafn.ca>

**Subject:** RE: 23-123 Cherry Valley Environmental Report Review

Good day, and Happy New Year to you all too!

Thank you for taking the time to review and confirm.

As always, if something pops up, please let me know.

Hope to see you all soon!

Mel

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Answer to Interrogatory from  
OEB Staff

Interrogatory

Reference:

Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 7: Indigenous Consultation Report: Summary Tables (as of December 11, 2024)

Preamble:

Regarding capacity funding, Enbridge Gas noted that it offered funding to each Indigenous community identified as potentially impacted by the project. According to Enbridge Gas, capacity funding will support timely activities such as technical review of project documents and engagement in meaningful consultation.

Question(s):

- a) Please provide information on which Indigenous communities accepted and were provided capacity funding by Enbridge Gas and provide a description of the activities supported by the capacity funding that was provided.
- b) Please advise if any Indigenous communities raised concerns with Enbridge Gas with respect to the capacity funding being offered and if so, how Enbridge Gas responded to such concerns.

Response:

- a) Enbridge Gas has provided capacity funding to Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Huron-Wendat Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. The capacity funding was provided to support engagement activities related to the Project including the review of Project documentation, meetings and general engagement.
- b) No concerns have been raised with Enbridge Gas regarding the capacity funding that has been offered in relation to the Project.

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Answer to Interrogatory from  
OEB Staff

Interrogatory

Reference:

Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 7: Indigenous Consultation Report: Summary Tables (as of December 11, 2024)

Preamble:

In its summary table filed in evidence, Enbridge Gas summarizes questions or concerns that were raised by community members or representatives related to the Project.

Question(s):

Please provide a summary of all forms of accommodation that Enbridge Gas has committed and agreed to make or made to any of the ten consulted Indigenous communities in response to the concerns raised in the Indigenous consultation process for the Project?

Response:

Enbridge Gas addressed the bulk of the Indigenous communities' concerns by providing relevant Project information and explaining how proposed mitigation measures would limit impacts on the matters of interest to the communities. In certain instances, Enbridge Gas made additional commitments to the individual Nations. The following provides a summary of how concerns were addressed, with further details included in the attachments to the Indigenous Consultation Report<sup>1</sup>.

**Alderville First Nation (AFN)**

In response to AFN's expressed concerns regarding the proximity of the Project to waterbodies and/or wetlands, the extent of tree removals and archaeology monitoring, Enbridge Gas provided AFN information regarding the location of wetlands and watercourse crossings and identified the mitigation measures that would be applied to protect those bodies, explained that there was no anticipated tree removal and outlined

---

<sup>1</sup> Exhibit H-1-1, Attachment 8 (updated December 18, 2024)



the contingency process if archaeological resources are discovered. Enbridge Gas also indicated it would consider archaeological information shared by AFN in its Stage 2 AA planning.

Details of how Enbridge Gas addressed AFN's concerns are outlined in Line-item attachment 1.16 of Exhibit H-1-1, Attachment 8 (updated December 18, 2024).

### **Hiawatha First Nation (HFN)**

In response to HFN's comments and concerns, Enbridge Gas explained the extensive mitigation measures designed to limit impacts of the Project, the approach to surveys undertaken as well as the results, the significance of route selection within a road allowance, contingency plans, and the consultation process with Indigenous communities. Enbridge Gas also encouraged HFN to share any additional information for consideration.

Regarding the protection of wetlands, watercourses and related wildlife, such as amphibians, Enbridge Gas highlighted the measures to mitigate potential impact to wetlands, including employing horizontal directional drilling (HDD), having distant staging area and soil control measures, as well as plans to use exclusion fencing to protect turtles and having trench operations followed closely with backfill operations to facilitate movement of wildlife movement.

In response to HFN's interest in restoration plans, Enbridge Gas explained restoration goals and noted its willingness to consider plant and seed recommendations HFN is willing to share.

Enbridge Gas also explained the contingency process should an archaeological artifact be incidentally discovered. Enbridge Gas further agreed to notify HFN if any archaeological resource was discovered.

Details of how Enbridge Gas addressed HFN's concerns are outlined in Line-item attachment 6.27 of Exhibit H-1-1, Attachment 8 (updated December 18, 2024).

### **Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN)**

In response to the concerns expressed by MSIFN, Enbridge Gas outlined the mitigation measures that would address MSIFN's concerns about impacts, explained study parameters and approaches, outlined restoration and monitoring plans and made further commitments to MSIFN.

Enbridge Gas specifically explained how there was no tree removal anticipated and how HDD methods would be utilized to avoid wooded areas, trees, and watercourses and

related contingency plans. Enbridge Gas agreed to notify MSFIN should any tree removal be required or in-water works become necessary.

Other mitigation measures highlighted in response to MSIFN's comments included exclusion measures to protect wildlife and dust suppressant measures.

In response to MSIFN's second round of comments, Enbridge Gas further explained its dewatering plans, how it would address accidental spills, its approach to wet conditions and weed management.

Enbridge Gas committed to providing MSIFN with the post-construction monitoring reports and to providing excerpts of the finalized EPP related to restoration management protocols. Enbridge Gas also committed to including MSIFN in the notification requirement in the Species at Risk encounter protocol, to consult with MSIFN should Butternut or Black Ash trees be found, to notify MSIFN in the event of a spill and, should a permit under the Endangered Species Act become necessary, to share permitting requirements and get MSIFN feedback.

Details of how Enbridge Gas addressed MSIFN's concerns are outlined in Line-item attachments 9.18 and 9.23 of Exhibit H-1-1, Attachment 8 (updated December 18, 2024).

### **Chippewas of Rama's First Nation (CRFN)**

In response to CRFN's concern regarding a shoreline protection plan, Enbridge Gas explained that there were no anticipated impacts to the shoreline.

### **Huron Wendat Nation**

When Huron Wendat Nation expressed interest in participating in archaeological assessments and related field work, Enbridge Gas provided the opportunity to attend fieldwork for the Project.

### **Others**

While other Nations did not express substantive concerns about the Project to Enbridge Gas, Enbridge Gas notes the mitigation measures identified in the ER are designed to minimize the extent of impacts of the Project, including impacts on wildlife, water courses, and vegetation, which are often matters of concern to Indigenous communities.

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Answer to Interrogatory from  
OEB Staff

Interrogatory

Reference:

Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 5: Sufficiency Letter (not filed)

Preamble:

The Ministry of Energy delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to Enbridge Gas and will provide a letter with its opinion on the adequacy of the procedural aspects of Indigenous consultation undertaken by Enbridge Gas related to the project. This letter Enbridge Gas Inc. OEB Staff Interrogatories EB-2024-0084 - 4 - is referred to interchangeably as the "Sufficiency Letter" or as the "Letter of Opinion". Enbridge Gas stated that the Sufficiency Letter would be filed on the record once it had been received by Enbridge Gas.

Question(s):

- a) What is the expected date when Enbridge Gas anticipates that the Sufficiency Letter would be provided by the Ministry of Energy?

Response:

- a) The Ministry of Energy has indicated that the Sufficiency Letter would be provided in late January or closer to the close of the OEB record for the Project.