

Enbridge Gas Inc. St. Charles Community Expansion Project: Notice of Commencement and Public Information Sessions

Project Overview

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is proposing to construct facilities to provide natural gas distribution service to the community of St. Charles (the Project), with the purpose of the Project being to provide residents, businesses, and industries located within the Project area with access to safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas distribution services, in accordance with Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program.

The Project is planned to be mainly within the existing municipal Right-of-Way (ROW) with additional Temporary Working Space (TWS) potentially required for lay-down, storage and excess soils management. Enbridge Gas has identified Project areas related to a Preliminary Preferred Route and several Alternative Routes at this time, as shown on the accompanying figure. Additionally, a proposed station is required to accommodate additional customers onto the distribution system, near the tie-in point, for which the location is being developed.

Environmental Report

AECOM has been retained by Enbridge Gas to complete an environmental study to assess the potential environmental and socio-economic effects that may result from the Project, as well as document the results of a consultation program, as summarized in an Environmental Report (ER). The study will fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) "*Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Projects and Facilities in Ontario, 8th Edition (2023)*". An Environmental Report summarizing the results of the environmental study will accompany Enbridge Gas' application to the OEB as part of the application requesting leave to construct (LTC). The Environmental Report for the study is anticipated to be completed in late 2024, after which Enbridge Gas may file an LTC application. Should the OEB find the Project to be in the public's interest, construction of the Project could begin as early as Q4 2025, pending receipt of all permits and approvals.

Get Involved

We want to hear from you. Visit our virtual public information session website or come to our in-person event to learn more about the Project and provide your feedback on the proposed routes. Please feel free to provide your comments either through the Project website, in person at the public information session or by email.

A questionnaire will be available as part of the virtual public information session and at the in-person public information session, which will provide you with the opportunity to provide comments and/or questions about the Project. Input received during the virtual and in-person public information sessions will be used to inform the selection of the Preferred Route and to develop site-specific environmental protection and mitigation measures for the Project. A copy of the virtual information session story boards will also be available for viewing on the Enbridge Gas Project website at:

<https://www.enbridgegas.com/residential/new-customers/community-expansion/st-charles>.

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