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1	Title Page	<p>Thank you for viewing the first Virtual Public Information Session for the St. Charles Community Expansion Project. This presentation has been prepared by AECOM Canada Ltd. on behalf of Enbridge Gas Inc.</p> <p>The first Virtual Information Session will be available for viewing online from June 24 – July 12, 2024. The Project Team encourages you to review the information and provide any questions or comments regarding the Project. We look forward to hearing from you!</p>
3	Enbridge Gas' Commitment	<p>Enbridge Gas is dedicated to engaging with Indigenous communities, agencies, interest groups, and community members. They commit to providing up-to-date information in an open, honest, and respectful manner while carefully considering your input. With over 3.9 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers, Enbridge Gas is committed to delivering natural gas safely and reliably. Environmental stewardship is also a top priority for Enbridge Gas, and they conduct their operations in an environmentally responsible manner.</p>
	Enbridge Gas' Engagement with Indigenous Peoples	<p>Enbridge recognizes the diversity of Indigenous peoples who live where we work and operate. We understand that certain laws and policies have had destructive impacts on Indigenous cultures, languages, and the social and economic well-being of Indigenous peoples. We also recognize the importance of reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and broader society. We are committed to building positive and sustainable relationships with Indigenous peoples, based on trust and respect, and focused on finding common goals through open dialogue.</p> <p>The Indigenous engagement program is based on adherence to the Ontario Energy Board's Guidelines and Enbridge Inc.'s company-wide Indigenous Peoples Policy, which Enbridge Gas follows. Enbridge's Indigenous Peoples Policy lays out key principles for establishing relationships with Indigenous groups, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizing the importance of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples in the context of existing Canadian law • Recognizing the legal and constitutional rights possessed by Indigenous peoples in Canada and the importance of the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional lands and resources; • Engaging early to achieve meaningful relationships with Indigenous groups by providing timely exchanges of information, understanding and addressing Indigenous project-specific concerns, and ensuring ongoing dialogue regarding its projects, their potential impacts and benefits.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligning Enbridge’s interests with those of Indigenous communities through meaningful, direct Indigenous economic activity in projects corresponding to community capacity and project needs, where possible.
	Indigenous Peoples Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enbridge Gas engages in forthright and sincere consultation with Indigenous Peoples about their projects and operations through processes that seek to achieve early and meaningful engagement. Indigenous engagement helps define projects that may occur on lands traditionally occupied by Indigenous Peoples. Enbridge Gas commits to working with Indigenous Peoples to achieve benefits for them resulting from Enbridge Gas’ projects and operations, including opportunities in training and education, employment, procurement, business development, and community development. Enbridge Gas fosters an understanding of the history and culture of Indigenous Peoples among their employees and contractors, in order to create better relationships between Enbridge Gas and Indigenous communities. The commitment is a shared responsibility involving Enbridge Gas and its affiliates, employees and contractors. They will conduct business in a manner that reflects the above principles. Enbridge Gas will provide ongoing leadership and resources to effectively implement the above principles, including the development of implementation strategies and specific action plans. Enbridge Gas commits to periodically review this policy so that it remains relevant and respects Indigenous culture and varied traditions.
4	Purpose of the Information Session	<p>The purpose of the first Virtual Public Information Session is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with Indigenous communities and engage with members of the public and regulatory authorities regarding the proposed Preliminary Preferred Route and Alternative Routes, potential impacts, and proposed mitigations; and Provide an opportunity for these individuals, any affected landowners and the public to review the proposed Project and ask any questions and/or provide comments to representatives from Enbridge Gas and AECOM.
5	Project Distribution System	<p>The Study Area has been developed for the purpose of an assessment of potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts.</p> <p>A Preliminary Preferred Route and three Alternative Routes have been considered at this time.</p>

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		This map does not necessarily represent the final Project scope/design that will provide access to natural gas to end-use customers.
6	Project Overview	<p>The Project consists of the construction of approximately 21.6 kilometres of new natural gas distribution pipeline, ranging from 2 to 4 inches in diameter.</p> <p>The Project's Preliminary Preferred Route includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tie-in into the existing Enbridge Gas system at Nipissing Road and Seguin Road and running south along Nipissing Road to Dupuis Road. From the Dupuis Road and Nipissing Road intersection, running west along Dupuis Road to Highway 535, and then south along Highway 535 to the community of St. Charles.
7	Project Overview (continued)	<p>The Project's Alternate Routes include:</p> <p>Alternative Route 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tie-in into the existing Enbridge Gas system at Highway 535 and Northern Central Road and running south along Highway 535 to the community of St. Charles. <p>Alternative Route 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tie-in into the existing Enbridge Gas system at an existing valve site, located north off of Sutcliffe Road (west of Stewart Road), running along the stations' access road, then eastward to Nipissing Road, then following the original Preliminary Preferred Route southward to the community of St. Charles. <p>Alternative Route 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tie-in into the existing Enbridge Gas system at an existing valve site, located north off of Sutcliffe Road (west of Stewart Road), running south along the stations' access road, then eastward to Stewart Road, then west and south along Nipissing Road to Dupuis Road (following the original Preliminary Preferred Route southward to the community of St. Charles). <p>In all cases, a station is required at the tie-in point, to accommodate additional customers onto the distribution system. In addition, the Project will be mainly located within the municipal road right-of-way and may require easements, working space, and lay-down areas during construction.</p>
9	Environmental Study Process	As part of the planning process, Enbridge Gas has retained AECOM to undertake an Environmental Study for the Project. The Environmental Study will fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Energy Board's " <i>Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction, and Operation of Hydrocarbon Projects and Facilities in Ontario, 8th Edition (2023)</i> ".

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		<p>The study will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake engagement to understand the views of interested and potentially affected parties. • Consult with Indigenous communities to understand interests and potential impacts. • Be conducted during the earliest phase of the Project. • Identify potential impacts of the Project. • Develop environmental mitigation objectives and protective measures to avoid or reduce potential impacts. • Develop an appropriate environmental inspection, monitoring, and follow-up program.
10	Environmental Study Process	<p>This slide shows the environmental study process that Enbridge Gas follows as part of the Ontario Energy Board' Environmental Guidelines (2023). We are currently at the 'first information session' stage of the process.</p> <p>It should be note that consultation and responding to inquiries from Indigenous Communities, and interested and potentially affected stakeholders occurs throughout the study process.</p>
11	Ontario Energy Board Review and Approval Process	<p>The Environmental Report for the study is scheduled to be completed in the Fall of 2024. Once complete, Enbridge Gas plans to file a Leave-to-Construct application for the Project with the Ontario Energy Board. The application to the Ontario Energy Board will include the following information on the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for the Project; • The Environmental Report; • Project costs and economics; • Pipeline design and construction; • Land requirements; and • A summary of consultation with Indigenous communities. <p>The Ontario Energy Board's review and approval are required before the proposed Project can proceed. If approved, construction could start as early as Q4 2025.</p> <p>Additional information about the Ontario Energy Board process can be found online at: www.oeb.ca</p>
12	Consultation and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation and engagement are key components of the Environmental Report. • At the outset of the Project, Enbridge Gas submits a Project Description to the Ministry of Energy. Upon review, the Ministry of Energy determines potential impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights and identifies Indigenous communities that Enbridge Gas should consult with during the entirety of the Project.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation and engagement program is intended to provide information about the Project to the stakeholders, help identify and address Indigenous community and stakeholder concerns and issues and allow for participation in the Project review and development process. • Input during engagement and consultation will be used to help finalize the pipeline route and mitigation plans for the Project. • Once the Leave-to-Construct application is made to the Ontario Energy Board, any party with an interest in the Project, including members of the public, can participate in the process.
13	Environment, Health and Safety Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enbridge Gas is committed to protecting the health and safety of all individuals affected by our activities. • Enbridge Gas will provide a safe and healthy working environment and will not compromise the health and safety of any individual. • Our goal is to have no incidents and mitigate impacts on the environment by working with our stakeholders, peers, and others to promote responsible environmental practices and continuous improvement. • Enbridge Gas is committed to environmental protection and stewardship and recognizes that pollution prevention, biodiversity, and resource conservation are key to a sustainable environment. • All employees are responsible and accountable for contributing to a safe working environment, for fostering safe working attitudes, and for operating in an environmentally responsible manner. <p>AECOM's Commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Safety for Life" defines AECOM's commitment to achieving zero work-related injuries and / or illnesses; preventing damage to property and the environment; and maintaining an environmentally friendly and sustainable workplace. • AECOM has adopted "Life Preserving Principles" to help demonstrate the commitment of AECOM's Safety for Life program
14	Access and Land Requirements	<p>While most of the pipeline route will be constructed within municipal road right-of-way, some circumstances requiring access agreements, permanent easement or temporary working space during construction could result in the need for access to additional land outside of the road right-of-way.</p> <p>Enbridge Gas has a comprehensive Landowner Relations Program that uses a dedicated Land Advisor who's role is to:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide direct contact and liaison between landowners and Enbridge Gas; • Be available to the landowner during the length of the Project and throughout construction activities; • Act as a singular point of contact for all landowners, and address concerns and questions; and • Address any legal matters relating to the temporary use of property, access agreements, permanent easements, and impacts or remedies to property.
15	Constructing an Enbridge Gas Pipeline	This slide shows an infographic of common construction procedures for a natural gas pipeline. To review this slide in greater detail, hit pause and when ready to move to the next slide, press 'play'.
16	Constructing an Enbridge Gas Pipeline (continued)	<p>The pipeline construction process includes various procedures, as described in the previous slide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo 1: Shows a typical Enbridge Gas natural gas pipeline. The St. Charles Community Expansion Project will involve the installation of a pipeline ranging from 2 to 4 inches. • Photo 2: Represents an example open-cut trench that is created during the installation process. • Photo 3: Represents the process of backfilling a trench. • Photo 4: Represents final clean-up and restoration. Once the pipeline has been installed, clean-up will involve the restoration of the right-of-way and other work areas.
17	Horizontal Directional Drilling Procedures	<p>Horizontal Directional Drilling is the planned method of construction for the watercourse crossings and would mitigate potential disruptions to a waterbody.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A geotechnical assessment and / or enhanced design will be completed by a qualified engineering service with expertise in Horizontal Directional Drilling technology and practices, as needed. The geotechnical assessment and enhanced designs will mitigate potential disruption by identifying favourable ground conditions and determining an appropriate Horizontal Directional Drilling depth. • Required permits will be determined and documented in the Environmental Report for the Project and obtained from the required regulatory authorities. <p>Mitigation measures for watercourse crossings typically include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining and abiding by all required permits and approvals and their associated conditions • Limiting in-water works, where possible, and conforming to fishery timing windows • Preparing and following a Horizontal Directional Drilling contingency plan

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting regular monitoring of the watercourse during drilling activities
18	Horizontal Directional Drilling Procedures	This slide shows an infographic of common horizontal directional drilling procedures during the construction of a natural gas pipeline. To review this slide in greater detail, hit pause and when ready to move to the next slide, press 'play'.
19	Pipeline Design	<p>The pipeline is designed to meet and/or exceed the regulations of the Canadian Standards Association (Z662 Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems) and the applicable regulations of the Technical Standards and Safety Association.</p> <p>Pipeline safety and integrity Enbridge Gas takes many steps to ensure the safe, reliable operation of our network of natural gas pipelines, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing, constructing, and testing our pipelines to meet or exceed requirements set by industry standards and regulatory authorities; • Continuous monitoring of the entire network; and • Performing regular field surveys to detect leaks and confirm that corrosion prevention methods are working as intended.
20	Socio-economic Features	<p>The Project will mainly be constructed on the existing municipal road right-of-way adjacent lands.</p> <p>Potential Effects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary increases in noise, dust and air emissions. • Increased construction traffic volumes. • Temporary impairment of the use of residential and/or commercial property. • Ornamental vegetation clearing along the pipeline route. <p>Example Mitigation Measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access across the construction area. • Restrict construction to daylight hours and adhere to applicable noise by-laws. • Develop and implement a Traffic Control Plan. • Place fencing at appropriate locations for safety. • Making contact information for a designated Enbridge Gas representative available prior to and throughout construction. • Implement dust control measures. • Re-vegetation of cleared ornamental vegetation areas as needed (including seeding/planting).

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21	Cultural Heritage Resources	<p>During construction, cultural heritage features such as archaeological finds, and heritage buildings, fences, and landscapes may be encountered.</p> <p>Detailed field surveys will be conducted by independent, third-party archaeologists and cultural heritage professionals prior to construction, if required.</p> <p>Potential Effects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage or destruction of archaeological or historical resources. <p>Example Mitigation Measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological assessment of the construction footprint, with review and acceptance from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. • Cultural heritage assessment (for built heritage features and cultural heritage landscapes) of the construction right-of-way, with review and comment from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. • Stop work and reporting of any previously unknown archaeological or historical resources uncovered or suspected of being uncovered during excavation.
22	Aquatic Resources	<p>Enbridge Gas understands the importance of protecting watercourses, wetlands, and associated wildlife during construction and therefore will implement recognized mitigation measures to reduce possible environmental effects.</p> <p>Potential Effects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruption and alteration to aquatic species and habitat and/or nuisance effects. • Increased erosion, sedimentation, and turbidity resulting from removal of vegetation. <p>Example Mitigation Measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install erosion and sediment control measures. • Obtain all agency permits and approvals. • Conform to fish timing window guidelines. • Horizontal Directional Drill and/or trenchless drill within or near environmentally sensitive features (for example watercourses, wetlands etcetera.). • For in-channel construction, protect aquatic species through methods such as flow diversion/dewatering, fish rescue planning and management of sedimentation and turbidity. • Restore and seed disturbed areas to establish habitat and reduce erosion; and • Replant vegetation along waterways.

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23	Terrestrial Resources	<p>During construction, natural environment features such as wildlife habitat and vegetated/wooded areas may need to be crossed.</p> <p>Potential Effects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage or removal of vegetation and wildlife habitat in the construction area. • Disturbance and/or mortality to local wildlife. <p>Example Mitigation Measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct surveys (including Species at Risk surveys) in advance of construction to determine opportunities for wildlife habitat to exist. • Complete tree removal outside of migratory bird windows (typically from April 1 – August 31), to the extent possible. • Clearly mark the construction area to avoid accidental damage. • Restore and seed disturbed areas to establish habitat and reduce erosion, if required. • Secure any necessary permits and follow any conditions of approval.
24	Next Steps	<p>After this first Virtual Public Information Session, Enbridge Gas intends to pursue the completion of the Environmental Report in early quarter four of 2024 followed by a filing of a leave-to-construct application with the Ontario Energy board in late quarter four of 2024. Upon Ontario Energy Board approval, construction may commence as early as quarter 4 of 2025.</p>
25	Thank you!	<p>On behalf of the Project Team, thank you for listening to this presentation. The Project Team wants to hear from you, so please complete a questionnaire by July 27, 2024, for your comments/questions to be considered as part of the Environmental Report.</p> <p>Please note that comments will be still received after this date and will be reviewed and considered during the planning and design phase, as appropriate.</p> <p>For more information about the proposed project, please visit the Enbridge Gas project website link shown on this slide.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>