



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
September 5, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from City of Hamilton Re: Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan.
- 2) Correspondence from Source Protection Committee Re: March 31, 2023 adopted minutes.
- 3) Correspondence from Municipality of Shuniah Re: Changes to MFIPPA Resolution.
- 4) Correspondence from Municipality of St. Charles.
 - a) Resolution Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments.
 - b) Resolution Re: Support Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.
 - c) Resolution Re: Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.
 - d) Resolution Re: Provincial Planning Statement.
 - e) Resolution Re: Homelessness.
- 5) Correspondence from Township of Emo Re: Blash Ash Tree Classification as “endangered” under the Endangered Species Act.
- 6) Correspondence from City of Stratford Re: Resolution – Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct.
- 7) Correspondence from County of Northumberland Re: Resolution – ‘Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services’.
- 8) Correspondence from Ministry of Infrastructure Re: Red Tape Reduction for Designated Broadband Projects.
- 9) Correspondence from Ontario Energy Board Re: Notice to Customers of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership Serviced by its South Bruce Operations.
- 10) Correspondence from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Re: Streamlining of Approvals under the *Aggregate Resources Act* and Supporting Policy.
- 11) Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Building Faster Fund.
- 12) Correspondence from Township of Severn Re: Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT).
- 13) Correspondence from Municipality of South Bruce.
 - a) Notice of Decision- By-law 2023-71 Designation of Municipality of South Bruce Community Improvement Project Areas.
 - b) Notice of Decision- By-law 2023-72 Adoption of Municipality of South Bruce Community Improvement Plan.
- 14) Correspondence from Saugeen Hospice Re: Invitation to an evening with Saugeen Hospice.
- 15) Correspondence from the Town of Hanover Re: Notice of the adoption of the Official Plan Amendment No. 5 and Notice of the passing of a Zoning Bylaw.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

August 1, 2023

Dear Premier Ford:

City Council, at its meeting held on July 14, 2023, approved Item 13 of Planning Committee Report 23-011 which reads as follows:

13. Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (Greenbelt Plan Amendment No. 3) (PED23046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 11.4)

- (a) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff, in conjunction with Legal Services staff, be directed to provide input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest with respect to any private development proposals and associated community benefits within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area;
- (b) That the Eleven Directions to Guide Development attached as Appendix "D", as amended, to Report PED23046(a), which were previously approved by Council as part of the City's Municipal Comprehensive Review process, be utilized as the framework for the City's input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Areas;

Direction #11

The City of Hamilton considers agricultural use to be of prime consideration, along with the protection of wetlands and natural heritage features.

- (c) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to schedule a public meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of

obtaining public input as to the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area; and, that staff consult with City of Hamilton Public Engagement staff to ensure: the statutory meeting meets best engagement practice as much as possible; that the statutory meeting be held in the evening, be live streamed, and be held at a publicly accessible facility that is in close proximity to the Book Road lands; and, that the *Provincial Land and Development Facilitator*, all MPP and MP's be extended an invitation to attend.

- (d) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to request public discussion except where excluded under the provisions of the Municipal Act, including public agendas, a list of participants and minutes.
- (e) That the Mayor send a letter regarding these recommendations to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-012 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-012

c.c. Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
All Ontario Municipalities (by email)



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #91

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair, Carl Kuhnke
Andrew Barton, Stan Eby, John Fruin, Harley Greenfield, Dick Hibma,
Les Nichols, Dan Orr, Troy Pelletier, Gord Timmerman,

Virtual Attendance: Tara Saab, Mitch Twolan
Mary Gooding, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation
and Parks (MECP)
Karen Gillan, Program Supervisor & Communications Specialist, DWSP

Others Present: Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: Tim Lanthier, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
Danielle Walker, Wellington County DWSP
Devon Wilhelm, Water Operator, Chippewas of Nawash

Regrets: Robert Emerson

The newly appointed Chair introduced himself and welcomed all present including Source Protection Committee members and visitors.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.
SPC-23-243

Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Stan Eby

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Source Protection Committee (SPC) members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

3. Adoption of Minutes

**Motion No.
SPC-23-244**

**Moved by Dick Hibma
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT the Minutes of the November 25, 2022 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arose from the previous minutes. The Project Manager noted that the pesticides issue will be carried forward to a future meeting.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

Source Protection Committee Chair Appointment:

The Project Manager thanked member Dick Hibma for graciously and capably acting as interim chair until the formal appointment of Chair Kuhnke was finalized.

The Project Manager welcomed the newly appointed Chair of the SPC, Carl Kuhnke, who comes to the Committee with extensive experience, having recently retired as the CEO of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, is the President and CEO of the Owen Sound Transportation Company, as well as a municipal councillor in Brockton and representative on the Brockton Police Services Board.

Source Protection Committee Representative Appointments:

Several members' terms are ending and searches are in progress for renewals/replacements. CAOs of the relevant municipalities were contacted for names of candidates respecting the municipal representatives, resulting in the appointment of Troy Pelletier and Harley Greenfield who replaced Dennis Kefalas and Jim Uram respectively. Notices have been issued respecting two agricultural representatives and one environmental representative and the usual appointment process will be followed.

Scott's Point Well Update:

Work continues respecting the delineation of the new wellhead protection area (WHPA) around the new Scott's Point well in the Municipality of Kincardine. Staff confirmed that, since the new WHPA delineation falls completely within the old area and there were no new threats affecting property owners, Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendments can be completed as part of the other planned sec. 34 amendments. The original well will not be a backup well and will be decommissioned when the replacement well comes online and the new WHPA is delineated.

Chesley Well:

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has plans to drill a new test well in the spring of 2023 in the hopes of locating a suitable location for the production well.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-245**

**Moved by Gord Timmerman
Seconded by Andrew Barton**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Administration Report 6a for information and welcomes Harley Greenfield as the new Municipal Sector Representative Group #4 on the Committee.

Carried

Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Communications Report 6b and advised that work is underway to complete the annual newsletter and documents that accompany the release of the Annual Progress Report. Information respecting salt distribution was shared earlier in the winter. The Children's Water Festival will be an in-person event this year and the organizing committee is seeking volunteers to share their knowledge and expertise. The Communications Specialist and Project Manager attended the Grey-Bruce Farmers week and helped inform attendees about the Source Water program.

7. New Business

Annual Progress Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed the Annual Progress Report 7a and advised that the Annual Progress Report covers the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and highlights the progress of the Source Protection Plan (SPP) implementation, results of municipal monitoring programs, risk management activities, Ministry reporting of prescribed instruments, and reporting requirements for Conservation Authorities under the local Source Protection Plan. Out of 164 Risk Management Plans (RMP) in this Region, 160 have been completed. The remaining 4 RMPs are in progress awaiting responses from owner corporations. The terms of the RMPs are spread out over time to enable Staff to monitor the Plans. New RMPs will be required with the introduction of the amended salt policies. Staff is anticipating a larger number of RMPs in the Wellington County portion of the Region, perhaps double the current numbers.

Municipalities continue to conduct regular septic inspections and some previous inspections are being updated after the 5-year inspection period expires. Municipalities are pro-active in this matter and some have consultants conducting inspections on their behalf.

The Committee discussed that the message being sent to the Ministry with the Annual Progress Report and agreed that there should be an emphasis on the increasing cost of implementation and climate change.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-246**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives a copy of the draft Source Protection Annual Progress Report and directs Staff to provide the Report, along with any comments, as discussed, to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by May 1, 2023.

Carried

Septic Policy Report 7b

The Project Manager reviewed Septic Policy Report 7b and advised that the proposed septic policy impacting Lake Rosalind and Marl Lake were discussed at a recent Council meeting for the Municipality of Brockton, with the municipal representative from the SPC, John Fruin, the General Manager of Saugeen Conservation, Jennifer Stephens, and the Lake Association members in attendance. The new policy will be drafted to reduce the risk of drinking water systems from septic systems or holding tanks in vulnerable areas around the Lakes. The matter was discussed at some length and a motion passed as below.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-247**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

THAT: Staff is directed to continue discussions with the Municipality of Brockton, the Lake Rosalind Residents Association and the residents surrounding Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake regarding the possibility of future Source Protection Plan amendments,

AND FURTHER: THAT: Staff is directed to submit draft wording for a new Moderate/Low policy for a discretionary inspection program for septic systems around Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake to Ministry staff for early engagement consultation.

Carried

Snow Policy Report 7c

The Project Manager reviewed Snow Policy Report 7c and advised that the thresholds for snow storage and distance that would determine a significant threat have been lowered according to the 2021 Director's Technical Rules. Amended snow storage policies were reviewed given these Technical Rule changes.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-248**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

THAT: Drinking Water Source Protection Staff is directed to submit draft wording for snow policy amendments to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for early engagement consultation purposes.

Carried

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-249**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Harley Greenfield**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives all reports presented at this meeting for information, including all recommendations contained therein.

Carried

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, July 28, 2023 at Grey Sauble Conservation.

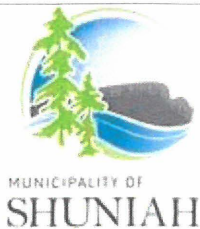
There being no further business, Stan Eby made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.



Carl Kuhnke
Chair



Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 309-23

Date: Aug 8, 2023

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council receives and supports the resolutions from Chatham-Kent and South Huron regarding changes to MFIPPA;

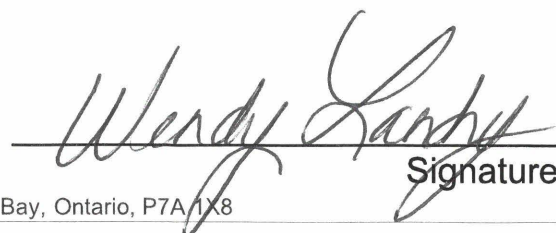
AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to MP Marcus Powlowski, MP Patty Hajdu, MPP Lise Vaugeois, MPP Kevin Holland, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee and Ontario Municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred


Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.4.

Resolution Number 2023-152

Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #16) and the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #10)

Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the City of Cambridge, on May 9, 2023, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO); the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

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May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulroney,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council



Agenda Number: 10.3.

Resolution Number 2023-151

Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #9 and 15) and from the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #19)

Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001, allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the current Public Tax Sale process is a burdensome process to a municipality that invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Corporation of the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Ministry of Finance (MOF); the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.2.

Resolution Number 2023-150

Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #4, 10, 11, 12, and 19

Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise


Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles expresses support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the Court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Parliament (MP); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.5.
Resolution Number 2023-153
Title: Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #11
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, on May 9, 2023, regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA); the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293

DATE: May 9, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Hirsch

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)

RECEIVED

MAY 29 2023

BY COUNCIL

- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.6.
Resolution Number 2023-154
Title: Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #21
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles understands that the Federal National Housing Strategy allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in Community Housing Network as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national Community Housing Network relative to every other province and territories;

AND WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing;

AND WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through Reaching Home, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of Community Housing Network nationally;

AND WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of Reaching Home funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles understands the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long- term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project;

AND WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national Canadian Housing Network amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal National Housing Strategy;

AND WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the Social Housing Agreement for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs;

AND WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main National Housing Co-Investment Fund program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories Repair Fund under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal Housing Accelerator Fund. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles wishes to request that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's Housing Supply Action Plans into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the federal government should heed the precedent of the Social Housing Agreement and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the Rapid Housing Initiative's 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can

undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of the Resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau; Minister Ahmed Hussen; the local Member of Parliament (MP); Premier Ford; Minister Clark; the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

CARRIED


MAYOR



The Corporation of the Township of Emo

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August 14, 2023

Via email only

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Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Black Ash Tree Classification as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Emo, at its meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 passed the following resolution.

Resolution June 14, 2023 No. 16

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks listed the Black Ash Tree as endangered in the Province of Ontario as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in eastern and southern Ontario;

WHEREAS this classification was given even though the Emerald Ash Borer is not known to be widespread in Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Black Ash Tree is assumed to remain abundant on the landscape of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits killing (Harvesting), harming, harassing, possessing, transporting, trading, and selling of live or dead Black Ash, and damaging or destroying its habitat on both Crown and Private Land;



The Corporation of the Township of Emo

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WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of “endangered”, for the Black Ash Tree, came into effect on January 26, 2022;

WHEREAS the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy is proposed to come into enforcement in January 2024;

WHEREAS the strategy is not expected to change the 50-99% destruction of Black Ash by the Emerald Ash Borer;

WHEREAS the strategy contains 170 references to possibilities that “may” be or are “poorly understood”, including 80-year climate change models;

WHEREAS one of these unknown factors is the Rainy River forests of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Rainy River forests, while having features of Great Lakes – St. Lawrence, also include Boreal and Prairie habitats following a continuum from northern Minnesota rather than from Southern Ontario;

WHEREAS the strategy, if applied, will certainly have severe impact on the economy, agriculture, forestry, tourism, recreation, First Nations and residential landowners of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS it would be impossible to fully comply with the strategy and continue living in much of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS consultation on the Black Ash and Emerald Ash Borer did not include the majority of Northwestern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Rescind the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy at least as it concerns the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario;
- b) Seek further understanding of the health of the Black Ash in the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario.
- c) Complete a provincial study regarding socio-economic impact on this part of Northwestern Ontario

in consultation with stakeholders BEFORE any policies are passed and enacted upon.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards,



Crystal Gray

CAO/Clerk-Deputy Treasurer

Acting Treasurer

Township of Emo

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cc. Thunder Bay – Superior North MP, Marcus Powlowski
Premier Doug Ford
Kenora-Rainy River MPP, Greg Rickford
Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
The Federation of Agriculture
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Office of the Ontario Regional Chief – Chiefs of Ontario
Northwestern Ontario First Nations
Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA)
Rainy River District Clerks & CAO's



City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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August 17, 2023

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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Toronto, Ontario M5H 3C6

Re: Resolution – Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct

At their July 10, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted a resolution supporting the call by AMO for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct.

A copy of the resolution is attached. We have also provided this resolution to our area MPP Matthew Rae and MP John Nater and respectfully requested support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

Encl.

/ja

cc: MPP Matthew Rae
MP John Nater
All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
Resolution: Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Stratford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- 1. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
- 2. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario**
- 3. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province**

- 4. Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner**
- 5. Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;**

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for endorsement.

Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on July 10, 2023.

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 extension 5329, clerks@stratford.ca



**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

August 18, 2023

Hon. Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care)
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance)
Hon. David Piccini (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
Northumberland - Peterborough South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services'

At a meeting held on August 16, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-08-16-556 adopting the below recommendation from the July 31, 2023 Community Health Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** the Community Health Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Pickering regarding 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services', recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2023-08-16-556

Carried



**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By L. Cleveland

Seconded By R. Crake

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2023-08-16 - SSG

Council Date: August 16, 2023

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held July 31, August 1, and August 2, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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| | | - Community Health Committee, Item 7.b, 'Correspondence, Municipality of Port Hope 'Public Health and Opioid Overdose Crisis – Renewal of a Drug Strategy' – Held by Councillor Cleveland | |
|--|--|---|--|

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Carried

Wendy Rantier
Warden's Signature

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

Community Health Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: July 31, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2023-07-31- 516

Moved by: L. Cleveland

Seconded by: M. Martin

Council Meeting Date: August 16, 2023

"**That** the Community Health Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Pickering regarding 'Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services', recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Long-Term Care), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Sent by Email

May 29, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Subject: Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services
Corr. 24-23
File: A-1400

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 23, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 24-23 from Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford, dated April 17, 2023, regarding Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care, Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care
 The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-
 Uxbridge
 Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington
 Chris Bantock, Deputy Clerk, City of Stratford
 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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April 17, 2023

Via email: ltcminister@ontario.ca

Ministry of Long-Term Care
6th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services

At their April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution requesting the provincial government to support community driven home care services through the redirect of ministry beds in abeyance funding:

THAT staff be requested to send a letter to the provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services.

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Chris Bantock

Chris Bantock
Deputy Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford
Matthew Rae, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

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MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal CAOs

FROM: Jill Vienneau
Assistant Deputy Minister
Infrastructure Program and Projects Division

DATE: August 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Red Tape Reduction for Designated Broadband Projects

I am pleased to write to you today to provide an update on our efforts to expand high-speed internet access across the province.

In Spring 2023, Ontario introduced the *Less Red Tape, Stronger Economy Act, 2023* to help build on the government’s efforts to reduce burden for businesses, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and other provincially regulated entities. The Ministry of Infrastructure would like to highlight two measures related to this initiative:

- 1. Amendments to the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* (BBFA) to address barriers to timely municipal permit approvals and efficient infrastructure data collection.
- 2. Updated guidance to broadband stakeholders through a new version of the *Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline*.

BBFA Amendments

The *Less Red Tape, Stronger Economy Act, 2023* (formerly Bill 91) received Royal Assent on June 8, 2023, amending the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* (BBFA) to remove further barriers or delays to designated broadband project construction and to support a streamlined approach to the deployment of high-speed internet infrastructure in the province.

The amendments to the BBFA provided the Minister of Infrastructure with authority to set out certain new regulatory requirements related to infrastructure data collection and conditions for municipal permitting. Effective July 1, 2023, O. Reg. 436/22 Definitions

and Prescribed Provisions under the BBFA was amended, by way of a Minister's amending regulation, to set out the following:

1. **For infrastructure data collection under s. 20.1 of the BBFA:** Upon request from the Minister of Infrastructure, certain persons or entities who own or operate utility infrastructure within 100 metres of a designated broadband project must submit the requested data in the form required by the Minister within 15 business days of receiving the request.
2. **For municipal permitting under s. 10.1 of the BBFA:** Municipalities may not require proponents to execute a legal agreement in advance of providing access to municipal rights-of-way under s. 10.1 of the BBFA. However, municipalities may require internet service providers (ISPs) to agree in writing to take steps to negotiate such agreements in good faith as soon as reasonably possible as a condition for providing access to their rights-of-way.

These changes are intended to advance broadband projects and ensure mechanisms are in place to protect the interests of municipalities. The Ministry of Infrastructure is developing resources to support municipalities with cost recovery related to designated broadband projects and will ensure that appropriate measures are in place to protect data that is shared.

Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline (Version 3.0)

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Infrastructure Ontario has also updated the Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline (Version 3.0). This Guideline was first released in April 2021 with input from municipalities, ministries, and other partners as a tool to expedite the delivery of designated high-speed internet projects. It was updated in August 2022 as well as in August 2023, to reflect new regulatory requirements that came into effect after its original release.

Guideline 3.0 provides additional clarity and best practices for completing work for designated broadband projects in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements under the BBFA, the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012* (One Call Act) and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEBA).

Key updates to the Guideline include:

- Information on new regulatory measures, including those under the BBFA mentioned above in addition to amendments to the OEBA and One Call Act regulations.

- A new process to help resolve disputes between parties and work with sectors to ensure that they comply with the laws and regulations that are helping to build broadband faster.
- Clarity on the Ministry of Transportation's efforts to speed up their permit process for provincially funded broadband projects.
- Additional guidance on cost sharing for using electric infrastructure to build these projects.

To review the updated Guideline, please visit [Building Broadband Faster in Ontario](#).

Support Tools

Infrastructure Ontario has tools in place that will provide assistance to municipalities, proponents of designated broadband projects and other stakeholders related to new requirements under the legislation and the overall implementation of these projects across the province. These include the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) and the use of an online platform called the Broadband One Window (BOW). The TAT plays a key role in supporting permit applications and facilitating resolutions between stakeholders if disputes arise. BOW will help stakeholders work collaboratively to review and approve permitting applications, share data, and provide progress updates on project milestones.

To get in touch with TAT for assistance, you can e-mail TAT@infrastructureontario.ca, or submit a TAT support request through the BOW platform. I also welcome you to contact broadband@ontario.ca if you have general questions about the government's work and wish to speak with a ministry official.

Next Steps

In the coming weeks, the Ministry of Infrastructure will engage the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to co-develop resources intended to support municipalities with timely permit approvals while ensuring they can appropriately control access to their rights-of-way. There is still considerable work underway to bring access to high-speed internet to every community in Ontario by the end of 2025. We appreciate your continued partnership in helping us achieve this important goal.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE
TO CUSTOMERS OF
EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
SERVICED BY ITS SOUTH BRUCE OPERATIONS

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has applied to change its natural gas distribution rates effective January 1, 2024.

Learn more. Have your say.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to raise its natural gas distribution rates effective January 1, 2024, based on an OEB-approved formula that is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has also applied for approval to dispose of the balances in certain deferral and variance accounts. If the application is approved as filed, the annual natural gas bill of a typical residential customer and a typical commercial customer, served by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership’s South Bruce operations, would change by the following amounts:

Rate Class	Annual Bill Change
General Service Existing Residential	\$0.92 per year
General Service New Residential	\$2.67 per year
General Service Small Commercial	-\$7.39 per year

Other customers may also be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by these changes.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider EPCOR’s application. During the hearing, we will question EPCOR on the request for rate changes. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB’s hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase will be allowed.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review EPCOR’s application on the OEB’s website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about EPCOR’s application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve EPCOR’s request. Apply by **August 31, 2023** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB’s decision and its reasons on our website

The OEB does not intend to consider cost awards for this hearing.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2023-0161**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2023-0161** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

TYPE OF HEARING

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, electronic, and written. EPCOR has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral or electronic hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 31, 2023**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.



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July 28, 2023

Sent by EMAIL, RESS e-filing

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
27-2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi,

**Re: EB-2023-0161: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's ("EPCOR")
2024 Custom Incentive Rate Adjustment Application – Southern Bruce**

Enclosed is EPCOR's 2024 Custom Incentive Rate Application for the Southern Bruce territory for rates effective January 1, 2024.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Hesselink, CPA
Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership
(705) 445-1800 ext. 2274
THesselink@epcor.com



EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

Southern Bruce

**2024 Custom Incentive Rate Adjustment
Application**

EB-2023-0161

Rates Effective: January 1, 2024

Filed: July 28, 2023

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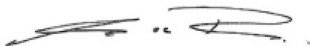
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CERTIFICATION OF EVIDENCE

The undersigned, being EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc.'s Vice President, Ontario Region, Susannah Robinson hereby certifies for and on behalf of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (ENGLP), as general partner of ENGLP that:

1. I am a senior officer of EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc., which is the general partner of ENGLP;
2. This certificate is given pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Ontario Energy Board's (the "**Board**") Filing Requirements for Natural Gas Rate Applications dated February 16, 2017; and
3. The evidence submitted in support of ENGLP's 2024 Incentive Rate Adjustment Application for its Southern Bruce operations, filed with the Board on July 28, 2023 is accurate, consistent and complete to the best of my knowledge.
4. The evidence filed in support of this application does not include any personal information (as that phrase is defined in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act), that is not otherwise redacted in accordance with Rule 9A of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

DATED this 28th day of July, 2023



Susannah Robinson
Vice President, Ontario Region
EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B), as amended (the “**OEB Act**”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership pursuant to section 36(1) of the OEB Act for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of gas to be effective January 1, 2024 for the EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership gas distribution system to serve the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, the Municipality of Kincardine and the Township of Huron-Kinloss (“Southern Bruce Municipalities”).

APPLICATION

1. The Applicant, EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (“EPCOR”), is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of EPCOR Utilities Inc. (“EUI”). The general partner of EPCOR is EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc. an Ontario corporation, and the sole limited partner is EPCOR Commercial Services Inc. (“ECSI”), an Alberta corporation, which are both subsidiaries of EUI. EPCOR was formed pursuant to a limited partnership agreement, which provides that EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc., as general partner, will control and have the full and exclusive power, authority and responsibility for the management and day-to-day operations of EPCOR. In accordance with the limited partnership agreement, ECSI, as limited partner, has an economic interest in the partnership but does not control or otherwise play a role in the day-to-day operations and management of EPCOR.
2. EPCOR filed a Custom Incentive Rate setting plan (“**Custom IR**”) Application (EB-2018-0264) with the Ontario Energy Board (“**Board**”) on October 2, 2018 (updated April 11, 2019) for Southern Bruce to seek approval for a tariff and other matters under which it would provide service to the Southern Bruce Municipalities. The Application sought approval for distribution rates based on a ten-year Custom IR effective January 1, 2019, establishment of certain deferral and variance accounts, approval of the proposed performance score card, and as well as further orders in all other respects to give effect to the proposals described in that Application and Evidence.
3. The parties to EB-2018-0264 submitted a settlement proposal in which settlement on a

number of issues was proposed. On October 3, 2019, the Board issued a Decision on Settlement Proposal and Procedural Order No. 6 in which it approved the settlement proposal. On November 28, 2019, the Board issued its Decision and Order in which it decided issues that were not settled in the approved settlement proposal and approved Southern Bruce's rates to be effective January 1, 2019 ("Rate Decision"). A final Rate Order was issued on January 9, 2020.

4. Consistent with EB-2019-0264, per the terms of the settlement proposal, and the Rate Decision, EPCOR will file an annual Incentive Rate Adjustment ("IR"). This IR is to be applied to the Monthly Fixed Charge and Delivery Charge in each rate class and the Authorized Overrun and Unauthorized Overrun charges for Rates 11 & 16. The agreed to formula for determining the IR is as follows:

$$\text{Incentive Rate Adjustment (IR)} = [(1.0 - 0.314) \times 0.0127] + [0.314 \times \text{Inflation (I)}]$$

5. The Inflation factor ("I") will equal the inflation value the Board determines each year in its annual generic inflation amount. EPCOR has used an inflation factor of 4.8%, which is the IPI issued by the Board for the year 2024¹.
6. Specifically in this application, EPCOR is applying for:
 - a) An order or orders granting that distribution rates be updated effective January 1, 2024 and adjusted in accordance with the EB-2018-0264 Decision and Order, including adjusting the Monthly Fixed Charge and Delivery Charge for each rate class and the Authorized Overrun and Unauthorized Overrun charges for Rates 11 & 16 by the IR factor as calculated in this application.
 - b) Approval to dispose of four approved deferral and variance accounts as part of this application (balances as of December 31, 2022):
 - Energy Content Variance Account ("ECVA")
 - Contribution in Aid of Construction Variance Account ("CIACVA")
 - Municipal Taxes Variance Account ("MTVA")
 - Other Revenue Deferral Account ("ORDA")

¹ Board Letter: 2024 Inflation Parameters, June 29, 2023.

7. EPCOR has prepared an Excel workbook based on the 2024 Annual Incentive Rate Adjustment Model to support the calculation of rates in the Application. A live working version of this model has been filed as supporting material. A hard copy of the model is provided in Appendix A.
8. EPCOR seeks issuance of a Decision and Order by December 1, 2023, to ensure the implementation of 2023 rates by January 1, 2024. In the event that the Board does not issue a rate order by December 1, 2023, EPCOR requests that the Board issue an Interim Rate Order declaring the current distribution rates as interim until the decided implementation date of the approved 2024 distribution rates.
9. In the event that the Board's implementation date for 2024 distribution rates is later than the effective date, EPCOR requests permission to recover the incremental revenue from the effective date of January 1, 2024 to the implementation date through the implementation of a fixed-term rate rider.
10. EPCOR requests that, pursuant to Rule 32 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, this proceeding be conducted by way of written hearing.
11. The persons affected by this Application are the ratepayers of EPCOR's Southern Bruce service territory.
12. EPCOR confirms that the Application and related documents will be published on its website (EPCOR.com).

Application Contact Information

EPCOR requests that copies of all documents filed with the Board in connection with this proceeding be served as follows:

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Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Ontario
EPCOR Utilities Inc.

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Dated at Collingwood, Ontario this 28th day of July, 2023

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Tim Hesselink
Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs

MANAGER'S SUMMARY

Annual Incentive Rate Adjustment

The IR formula is as follows:

$$\text{Incentive Rate Adjustment (IR)} = [(1.0 - 0.314) \times 0.0127] + [0.314 \times \text{Inflation (I)}]$$

The Inflation factor ("I") will equal the inflation value the Board determines each year in its annual generic inflation amount.

In the Report of the Board: Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors, the Board adopted a 2-factor Input Price Index ("IPI") methodology. The Board uses the year-over-year change in the GDP-IPI ("FDD"), and the Average Weekly Earnings ("AWE") All Employees-Ontario, to calculate the IPI. The percentage change is calculated as the weighted sum of 70% of the annual percentage change in the FDD for the prior year relative to the index value for two years prior and 30% of the annual percentage change in the AWE for the prior year relative to the data for years prior. For the purposes of this Application EPCOR has used an inflation factor of 4.8%, which is the IPI issued by the Board for the year 2024²

The calculation of the IR is as follows: $\text{IR} = [(1.0 - 0.314) \times 0.0127] + [0.314 \times 0.0480] = 0.0238$

The IR of 2.38% has been used in the 2024 Annual Incentive Rate Adjustment model to determine the proposed distribution rates. The IR has been applied to the Monthly Fixed Charge and Delivery Charge in each rate class. It has also been applied to the Authorized and Unauthorized Overrun Charges for Rate 11 and 16 Customers. EPCOR continues to connect customers as part of the Southern Bruce project and forecast values for customer connections and volumes are consistent with the projections included in the 2023 Annual Update to the Gas Supply Plan (EB-2023-0111).

For comparison purposes, Tables 1 and 2 following, provide the current and proposed distribution rates:

² Board Letter: 2024 Inflation Parameters, June 29, 2023.

Table 1 - Current Distribution Rates

Rate Class	Fixed	Delivery Charge								
	Monthly Base	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Contract Demand	Upstream Recovery Charge	Transp & Storage	Transport – Dawn	Transport – Kirkwall	Transport – Parkway
	\$/month	¢ / m3	¢ / m3	¢ / m3	¢ /CD/m3	(A)	¢ / m3	¢ /CD/m3	¢ /CD/m3	¢ /CD/m3
Rate 1	26.81	28.7200	28.1542	27.3226		1.4740	2.6982			
Rate 6	109.33	26.4949	23.8455	22.6530		2.9200	5.6413			
Rate 11	218.66	16.4578	16.4578	16.4578		0.0352	1.8166			
Rate 16	1,607.77				109.6650	14.2434		18.2999	11.8480	11.8480

(A) Rates 1, 6, and 11 all charged on cents / m3 basis. Rate 16 billed on cents / m3 of contracted demand basis

Table 2 - Proposed Distribution Rates

Rate Class	Fixed	Delivery Charge								
	Monthly Base	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Contract Demand	Upstream Recovery Charge	Transp & Storage	Transport – Dawn	Transport – Kirkwall	Transport – Parkway
	\$/month	¢ / m3	¢ / m3	¢ / m3	¢ /CD/m3	(A)	¢ / m3	¢ /CD/m3	¢ /CD/m3	¢ /CD/m3
Rate 1	27.45	29.4035	28.8243	27.9729		1.4740	2.6982			
Rate 6	111.93	27.1255	24.4130	23.1921		2.9200	5.6413			
Rate 11	223.86	16.8495	16.8495	16.8495		0.0352	1.8166			
Rate 16	1,646.03				112.2750	14.2434		18.2999	11.8480	11.8480

(A) Rates 1, 6, and 11 all charged on cents / m3 basis. Rate 16 billed on cents / m3 of contracted demand basis

Monthly Fixed Charges in the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19 has been excluded from this comparison for both current and proposed rates.

Deferral and Variance Accounts

In Rate Order EB-2018-0264³, EPCOR was granted approval to establish the following deferral and variance accounts:

- a) Purchased Gas Commodity Variance Account
- b) Gas Purchase Rebalancing Account
- c) Storage and Transportation Variance Account for Rates 1, 6 and 11
- d) Transportation Variance Account for Rate 16
- e) Unaccounted for Gas Variance Account
- f) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Administration Deferral Account
- g) Federal Carbon Charge – Customer Variance Account
- h) Federal Carbon Charge – Facility Deferral/Variance Account
- i) Municipal Tax Variance Account
- j) Energy Content Variance Account
- k) Contribution in Aid of Construction Variance Account
- l) External Funding Variance Account

In Rate Order EB-2021-0216⁴, EPCOR was granted approval to establish the following deferral and variance accounts:

- m) Approved Deferral/Variance Disposal Account
- n) Other Revenues Deferral Account

In addition, EPCOR received approval to modify the wording of the Municipal Tax Variance Account to align with the intent of the original CIP decision.⁵

³ EB-2018-0264 Rate Order, January 9, 2020, Schedule B

⁴ EB-2021-0216 Decision & Order, December 9, 2021, Page 9/EB-2021-0216 Rate Order, February 17, 2022 Page 5

⁵ EB-2021-0216 Rate Order, February 17, 2022 Page 9

As part of this application, EPCOR is seeking approval for the disposition of the December 31, 2022 audited balances of the following deferral and variance accounts:

- a) Energy Content Variance Account ("ECVA")
- b) Contribution in Aid of Construction Variance Account ("CIACVA")
- c) Municipal Tax Variance Account ("MTVA")
- d) Other Revenue Deferral Account ("ORDA")

The auditor's report on the December 31, 2022 balances for each of the three accounts above has been included as part of this Application in Appendix D. Note that the auditor's report also includes a report on the impacts arising from the COVID-19 Emergency Deferral Account ("COVID DVA"), but that account has not been included as a request for disposition in this filing and will be submitted at a later date.

A summary of the account balances can be seen below in Table 3:

Table 3 – Deferral Accounts Requested for Disposition

Account	Balance Dec 31, 2022	2022 Carrying Charges	2023 Carrying Charges	Balance Dec 31, 2023
CIACVA	\$309,940	\$0	\$15,241	\$325,181
ECVA	\$19,512	\$0	\$960	\$20,472
MTVA	(\$336,285)	\$12	(\$16,537)	(\$352,809)
ORDA	(\$9,021)	(\$588)	(\$444)	(\$10,053)
Total	(\$15,854)	(\$576)	(\$780)	(\$17,209)

2023 carrying charges have been calculated using the Board's prescribed rates for Q1-Q3 and projected using the Q3 rate for Q4 2022.

Q1	4.73%
Q2	4.98%
Q3	4.98%
Q4	4.98%
Annual	4.92%

Note that this rate is a variance from the Auditor's report in Appendix D, as the report was prepared before the Q3 rate was published.

Energy Content Variance Account

The Energy Content Variance Account ("ECVA") records differences in variable revenues resulting from differences in the energy content of the gas actually delivered and the assumed energy content of 38.89MJ/M3 used in determining EPCOR's revenue requirement and delivery rates as approved in EB-2018-0264. Differences in the energy content of the gas delivered from the assumed energy content would impact the actual volumes delivered thereby impacting the amount of revenue collected over EPCOR's 10-year rate stability period.

As per the ECVA accounting order,⁶ the audited balance in this account, together with carrying charges, will be brought forward for disposition on an annual basis. The balance in this account will be apportioned to Rates 1, 6 and 11 based on forecasted volumes underpinning CIP revenues for each rate class.

The calculation of the projected total amount proposed for disposal is summarized in Table 4 below and further details of the specific items making up these balances are provided in the continuity schedule in Appendix D.

Table 4 - Projected Total ECVA Amount for Disposal

ECVA	Balance 31-Dec-22	Q1 2023 4.73%	Q2 2023 4.98%	Q3 2023 4.98%	Q4 2023 4.98%	Balance 31-Dec-23
Principal	\$19,512					\$19,512
Carrying Charges	-	<u>\$231</u>	<u>\$243</u>	<u>\$243</u>	<u>\$243</u>	<u>\$960</u>
Total	\$19,512	\$231	\$243	\$243	\$243	\$20,472

Balance Allocation:

EPCOR is proposing to allocate the balance in this account to Rates 1, 6 and 11 based on forecasted volumes underpinning CIP revenues for each rate class, consistent with the approved accounting order.

As per EB-2018-0264, Exhibit 3, Tab 1, Schedule 2, pg. 3, the CIP volumes for 2023 are:

⁶ EB-2018-0264 Rate Order, January 9, 2020, page 30 of 34

Table 5 – CIP Forecasted Volumes

Rate Class	2023 Volumes	% of Total
Rate 1	10,497,651	69.7%
Rate 6	3,209,649	21.3%
Rate 11	1,353,326	9.0%
Total	15,060,626	100.0%

*Note the allocation methodology has been adjusted slightly from previous disposition to allocate based on the year the balance accumulated as opposed to the year the balance was disposed. Despite the immaterial difference in methodology, EPCOR believes this approach is more consistent with the accounting order.

Balance Recovery

EPCOR proposes to recover the costs as allocated above from customers in Rates 1, 6 and 11 based on revised forecast volumes. EPCOR proposes to recover the ECVA balances through the implementation of a twelve-month variable-rate rate rider commencing on January 1, 2024. The calculation of the proposed rate rider is shown in Table 6 below.

Table 6 - Calculation of Proposed ECVA Rate Rider

		A Unit	B Row Sum	C Rate 1	D Rate 6	E Rate 11
1	Volume	m ³	11,880,246	8,295,231	2,198,518	1,386,497
2	Allocation	%	100%	69.7%	21.3%	9.0%
3	Sum	\$	\$20,472	\$14,269	\$4,363	\$1,840
4	Rate Rider	¢/m ³		0.1720	0.1984	0.1327

Contribution in Aid of Construction Variance Account

The Contribution in Aid of Construction Variance Account ("CIACVA") records the revenue requirement impact of any differences between the actual capital contributions that EPCOR Southern Bruce pays to Enbridge Gas/Union Gas related to Enbridge's Owen Sound Transmission Reinforcement and the Dornoch Meter and Regulator Station, and the capital contribution included for these projects for the purposes of determining EPCOR's approved rates.

As per the CIACVA accounting order,⁷ the balance in this account, together with carrying charges, will be brought forward for disposition on an annual basis at which time EPCOR will propose a methodology and timing for disposition of the balance that aligns with customers' use of the capacity and EPCOR's rate smoothing objectives.

The calculation of the projected total amount proposed for disposal is summarized in Table 7 below and further details of the specific items making up these balances are provided in the continuity schedule in Appendix D.

Table 7 - Projected Total CIACVA Amount for Disposal

CIACVA	Balance 31-Dec-22	Q1 2023 4.73%	Q2 2023 4.98%	Q3 2023 4.98%	Q4 2023 4.98%	Balance 31-Dec-23
Principal	\$309,940					\$309,940
Carrying Charges	\$0	\$3,665	\$3,859	\$3,859	\$3,859	\$15,241
Total	\$309,940	\$3,665	\$3,859	\$3,859	\$3,859	\$325,181

Balance Allocation:

Consistent with the final decision of EPCOR's 2023 rate application⁸, EPCOR proposes to allocate the CIACVA balance based on the CIP distribution and non-distribution rate base for all rate classes.

⁷ EB-2018-0264 Rate Order, January 9, 2020, page 30 of 34

⁸ EB-2022-0184 Decision & Order, November 3, 2022, page 4-5

Referencing: EB-2018-0624, Exhibit 7, Tab 1, Schedule 2, Table 7-25:

Table 8 – CIP Rate Base

	Unit	Sum	Rate 1	Rate 6	Rate 11	Rate 16
Rate Base	\$000's	54,946	32,657	11,611	1,418	9,261
Allocation	%	100%	59%	21%	3%	17%

Balance Recovery

EPCOR proposes to recover costs from customers in Rates 1, 6, 11 and 16 (all rate classes) based on revised forecast volumes allocated by rate base referenced in Table 8 above. EPCOR proposes to recover the CIACVA balances through the implementation of a twelve-month variable-rate rate rider commencing on January 1, 2024. The calculation of the proposed rate rider is shown in Table 9 below. Rate riders for Rates 1,6 & 11 are projected based on m³ volumes and rate 16 is based on monthly contract demand (CD).

Table 9 - Calculation of Proposed CIACVA Rate Rider

		A Unit	B Row Sum	C Rate 1	D Rate 6	E Rate 11	F Unit	G Rate 16
1	Volume	m ³	11,880,246	8,295,231	2,198,518	1,386,497	CD	95,824
2	Allocation	%	100%	59%	21%	3%	%	17%
3	Sum	\$	\$325,181	\$193,270	\$68,714	\$8,390	\$	\$54,808
4	Rate Rider	¢/m³		2.3299	3.1255	0.6051	¢/CD/month	4.7663

Municipal Tax Variance Account

The Board approved the MTVA in EPCOR's Custom IR application and this variance account was modified as part of the Decision and Order of Phase 2 of EPCOR's 2022 rate application⁹.

In accordance with the approved accounting order, the MTVA records the difference between the actual annual municipal taxes paid, net of municipal contributions related to municipal taxes, and the net municipal taxes billed to customers by EPCOR. The effective date of this account is January 1, 2019.

The net municipal taxes billed to customers by EPCOR is calculated by multiplying the annual distribution revenues billed to customers and accrued for the year by the proportion of annual municipal taxes included in the annual revenue requirement for EPCOR's Southern Bruce operations as approved in EB- 2018-0264 for each year of the rate stability period.

The calculation of the projected total amount proposed for disposal is summarized in Table 10 below and further details of the specific items making up these balances are provided in the continuity schedule in Appendix D.

Table 10 - Projected Total MTVA Amount for Disposal

MTVA	Balance 31-Dec-22	Q1 2022 4.73%	Q2 2022 4.98%	Q3 2022 4.98%	Q4 2022 4.98%	Balance 31-Dec-23
Principal	(\$336,285)					(\$336,285)
Carrying Charges	\$12	(\$3,977)	(\$4,187)	(\$4,187)	(\$4,187)	(\$16,525)
Total	(\$336,273)	(\$3,977)	(\$4,187)	(\$4,187)	(\$4,187)	(\$352,809)

Balance Allocation:

EPCOR proposes to allocate the MTVA balance based on the total CIP distribution and non-distribution rate base for all rate classes (consistent with the CIACVA).

⁹ EB-2021-0216, Decision and Order (Phase 1 and Phase 2), February 17, 2022, page 11 of 15

Table 11 – CIP Rate Base

	Unit	Sum	Rate 1	Rate 6	Rate 11	Rate 16
Rate Base	\$000's	54,946	32,657	11,611	1,418	9,261
Allocation	%	100%	59%	21%	3%	17%

Balance Recovery

EPCOR proposes to recover costs from customers in Rates 1, 6, 11 and 16 (all rate classes) based on revised forecast volumes allocated by rate base referenced in Table 11 above. EPCOR proposes to recover the MTVA balances through the implementation of a twelve-month variable-rate rate rider commencing on January 1, 2024. The calculation of the proposed rate rider is shown in Table 12 below. Rate riders for Rates 1,6 & 11 are projected based on m³ volumes and rate 16 is based on monthly contract demand (CD).

Table 12 - Calculation of Proposed MTVA Rate Rider

		A Unit	B Row Sum	C Rate 1	D Rate 6	E Rate 11	F Unit	G Rate 16
1	Volume	m ³	11,880,246	8,295,231	2,198,518	1,386,497	CD	95,824
2	Allocation	%	59%	59%	21%	3%	%	17%
3	Sum	\$	(\$352,809)	(\$209,691)	(\$74,552)	(\$9,103)	\$	(\$59,464)
4	Rate Rider	¢/m³		(2.5278)	(3.3910)	(0.6565)	¢/CD/month	(5.1713)

Other Revenue Deferral Account

The Other Revenue Deferral Account (“ORDA”) records customer service charge revenue amounts (as per the schedule of Miscellaneous and Service Charges on the Distributors approved rate order). For the duration of 10-year rate stability period, EPCOR was approved to collect specific service charges as part of the Settlement Proposal. The Board approved \$0 in Other Revenues for ratemaking purposes for the periods of 2019-2021 and the establishment of a deferral account to track actual other revenues for the remaining years of the rate stability period.

As per the ECVA accounting order,¹⁰ the audited balance in this account, together with carrying charges, will be brought forward for disposition on an annual basis and the manner of disposition will be proposed at the time the account is brought forward.

The calculation of the projected total amount proposed for disposal is summarized in Table 4 below and further details of the specific items making up these balances are provided in the continuity schedule in Appendix D.

Table 13 - Projected Total ORDA Amount for Disposal

ECVA	Balance 31-Dec-22	Q1 2023 4.73%	Q2 2023 4.98%	Q3 2023 4.98%	Q4 2023 4.98%	Balance 31-Dec-23
Principal	(\$9,021)					(\$9,021)
Carrying Charges	(\$588)	(\$107)	(\$112)	(\$112)	(\$112)	(\$1,031)
Total	(\$9,609)	(\$107)	(\$112)	(\$112)	(\$112)	(\$10,053)

Balance Allocation:

EPCOR proposes to allocate the ORDA balance based on the total CIP distribution and non-distribution rate base for all rate classes (consistent with the CIACVA & MTVA).

Table 14 – CIP Rate Base

	Unit	Sum	Rate 1	Rate 6	Rate 11	Rate 16
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¹⁰ EB-2018-0264 Rate Order, January 9, 2020, page 30 of 34

Rate Base	\$000's	54,946	32,657	11,611	1,418	9,261
Allocation	%	100%	59%	21%	3%	17%

Balance Recovery

EPCOR proposes to recover costs from customers in Rates 1, 6, 11 and 16 (all rate classes) based on revised forecast volumes allocated by rate base referenced in Table 14 above. EPCOR proposes to recover the ORDA balances through the implementation of a twelve-month variable-rate rate rider commencing on January 1, 2024. The calculation of the proposed rate rider is shown in Table 15 below. Rate riders for Rates 1,6 & 11 are projected based on m³ volumes and Rate 16 is based on monthly contract demand (CD).

Table 15 - Calculation of Proposed ECVA Rate Rider

		A Unit	B Row Sum	C Rate 1	D Rate 6	E Rate 11	F Unit	G Rate 16
1	Volume	m ³	11,880,246	8,295,231	2,198,518	1,386,497	CD	95,824
2	Allocation	%	59%	59%	21%	3%	%	17%
3	Sum	\$	(\$10,053)	(\$5,975)	(\$2,124)	(\$259)	\$	(\$1,694)
4	Rate Rider	¢/m³		(0.0720)	(0.0966)	(0.0187)	¢/CD/month	(0.1473)

Bill Impacts

The following table provides a summary of bill impacts for each rate class assuming the average consumption level of the rate class based on the forecasted 2023 customer connections and volumes. The bill impact provided assumes a full 12 months of distribution service and consumption. Further details on the bill impacts as summarized below are provided in the 2024 Incentive Rate Adjustment Model.

Table 16 – Illustrative Bill Impact Summary

Rate Class	Description	Fixed Change (\$/year)	Volumetric Change (\$/year)	Rate Riders (\$/year)	Total Change (\$/year)	Total Change %
Rate 1	Existing Residential	7.66	14.53	-21.27	0.92	0.05%
Rate 1	New Residential	7.66	13.98	-18.96	2.67	0.16%
Rate 1	Small Commercial	7.66	31.41	-46.45	-7.39	-0.22%
Rate 1	Small Agricultural	7.66	31.58	-46.72	-7.48	-0.23%
Rate 6	Medium Commercial	31.22	159.05	-47.41	142.87	0.79%
Rate 6	Large Commercial	31.22	430.34	-133.22	328.34	0.69%
Rate 11	Sample Dryer 1	62.45	397.57	-71.19	388.82	0.77%
Rate 11	Sample Dryer 2	62.45	1,325.23	-237.31	1,150.37	0.71%
Rate 16	Contracted Demand	459.18	15,660.16	-2,277.96	13,841.38	1.46%

¹ Existing Residential and New Residential are standard categories that were included in EPCOR's Common Infrastructure Plan ("CIP") (EB-2016-0137 / 0138 / 0139). A New Residential is considered a newly constructed building whereas an Existing Residential is considered a building that was existing as of the time that the CIP was submitted. EPCOR has maintained these categories in this application to ensure consistency with the CIP.

Appendix A - 2024 Annual Incentive Rate Adjustment Model

Name of LDC: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership
OEB Application Number: EB-2023-0161 Exhibit A - 2024 Custom Incentive Application

Distributor Information

Distributor Name	EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership
OEB Application Number	EB-2023-0161 Exhibit A - 2024 Custom Incentive Application

A1.1 Distributor Information

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Current Distribution Tariff Sheet Rates

Rate Class		Fixed		Delivery Charge			Delivery Charge		Upstream Recovery Charge (A)	Transportation & Storage Charge ¢ / m3	Transportation Charge From Dawn ¢ /contracted m3	Transportation Charge From Kirkwall ¢ /contracted m3	Transportation Charge From Parkway ¢ /contracted m3	Federal Carbon Charge ¢ / m3	Facility Carbon Charge ¢ / m3
		Monthly Base	Bill 32 Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Contract Demand	Gas Supply							
		\$/month	\$ / month	¢ / m3	¢ / m3	¢ / m3	¢ /contracted m3	¢ / m3							
Rate 1	General Firm Service	26.81	1.00	28.7200	28.1542	27.3226		15.7983	1.4740	2.6982				12.3900	0.0011
Rate 6	Large Volume General Firm Service	109.33	1.00	26.4949	23.8455	22.6530		15.7983	2.9200	5.6413				12.3900	0.0011
Rate 11	Large Volume Seasonal Service	218.66	1.00	16.4578	16.4578	16.4578		15.7983	0.0352	1.8166				12.3900	0.0011
Rate 16	Contracted Firm Service	1,607.77	1.00				109.6650		14.2434		18.2999	11.8480	11.8480	12.3900	0.0011

(A) Rates 1, 6, and 11 all charged on cents / m3 basis. Rate 16 billed on cents / m3 of contracted demand basis

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Billing Determinants

Rate Class		Fixed	Delivery Charge			Delivery Charge	
		Monthly Base	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Contract Demand	Gas Supply
Rate 1	General Firm Service	5,606	4,790,547	3,231,919	272,765		8,295,231
Rate 6	Large Volume General Firm Service	33	320,072	845,750	1,032,696		2,198,518
Rate 11	Large Volume Seasonal Service	7			1,386,497		1,386,497
Rate 16	Contracted Firm Service	3				95,824	0

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Forecasted Revenue from Current Rates

Months / Year 12
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Rate Class		Fixed Monthly		Delivery Charge			Delivery Charge	Gas Supply	Upstream Recovery Charge	Transportation & Storage Charge (A)	Federal Carbon Charge	Total
		Base	Bill 32 Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Contract Demand					
Rate 1	General Firm Service	1,803,562	67,272	1,375,845	909,921	74,526	0	1,310,505	122,272	223,822	1,027,779	6,915,505
Rate 6	Large Volume General Firm Service	43,295	396	84,803	201,673	233,937	0	347,328	64,197	124,025	272,396	1,372,050
Rate 11	Large Volume Seasonal Service	18,367	84	0	0	228,187	0	219,043	488	25,187	171,787	663,143
Rate 16	Contracted Firm Service	57,880	36	0	0	0	1,261,025	0	163,783	210,428	142,471	1,835,623
Total Revenue		1,923,104	67,788	1,460,648	1,111,594	536,650	1,261,025	1,876,877	350,740	583,462	1,614,434	10,786,321

(A) Transportation & Storage for Rates 1, 6, and 11. Transportation only for Rate 16.

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Current Rate Riders

Description:

Effective Until:

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider

Dec 31, 2028

Rate 1 General Firm Service	cents / m3 volume	1.6330	Cents/m3
Rate 6 Large Volume General Firm Service	cents / m3 volume	0.9090	Cents/m3
Rate 11 Large Volume Seasonal Service	cents / m3 volume	0.5524	Cents/m3
Rate 16 Contracted Firm Service	cents / contracted demand / month	0.0601	\$/contracted demand m3

Energy Content Variance Account (ECVA)

Rate 1 | General Firm Service
Rate 6 | Large Volume General Firm Service
Rate 11 | Large Volume Seasonal Service
Rate 16 | Contracted Firm Service

ECVA Rate Rider

0.3437	Cents/m3
0.2778	Cents/m3
0.1857	Cents/m3
0.0000	Cents/contracted demand m3

Contribution in Aid of Construction Variance Account (CIACVA)

Rate 1 | General Firm Service
Rate 6 | Large Volume General Firm Service
Rate 11 | Large Volume Seasonal Service
Rate 16 | Contracted Firm Service

CIACVA Rate Rider

3.3388	Cents/m3
3.1385	Cents/m3
0.6074	Cents/m3
4.5311	Cents/contracted demand m3

Municipal Tax Variance Account (MTVA)

Rate 1 | General Firm Service
Rate 6 | Large Volume General Firm Service
Rate 11 | Large Volume Seasonal Service
Rate 16 | Contracted Firm Service

MTVA Rate Rider

(2.7906)	Cents/m3
(3.4040)	Cents/m3
(0.6604)	Cents/m3
(4.5564)	Cents/contracted demand m3

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Rate 1 Incentive Rate Adjustment

D1.1 Rate 1 Adjustment

GDP-IPI

Less Productivity

Less Stretch Factor

Incentive Rate Adjustment

2.38%

Months / Year

12

	Unit	Current Rate	Price Cap	Adjusted Rates	Billing Determinants	Revenue
Monthly Base	\$/month	26.81	2.38%	27.45	5,606	1,846,487
Bill 32 Rate	\$/month	1.00	0.00%	1.00	5,606	67,272
Tier 1	cents / m3	28.7200	2.38%	29.4035	4,790,547	1,408,590
Tier 2	cents / m3	28.1542	2.38%	28.8243	3,231,919	931,577
Tier 3	cents / m3	27.3226	2.38%	27.9729	272,765	76,300
Contract Demand	cents / m3	0.0000	2.38%	0.0000	0	0
Gas Supply	cents / m3	15.7983	0.00%	15.7983	8,295,231	1,310,505
Upstream Recovery Charge	cents / m3	1.4740	0.00%	1.4740	8,295,231	122,272
Transportation & Storage Charge	cents / m3	2.6982	0.00%	2.6982	8,295,231	223,822
Federal Carbon Charge	cents / m3	12.3900	0.00%	12.3900	8,295,231	1,027,779
						7,014,605

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Rate 6 Incentive Rate Adjustment

D1.2 Rate 6 Adjustment

GDP-IPI

Less Productivity

Less Stretch Factor

Incentive Rate Adjustment

2.38%

Months / Year

12

	Unit	Current Rate	Price Cap	Adjusted Rates	Billing Determinants	Revenue
Monthly Base	\$/month	109.33	2.38%	111.93	33	44,325
Bill 32 Rate	\$/month	1.00	0.00%	1.00	33	396
Tier 1	cents / m3	26.4949	2.38%	27.1255	320,072	86,821
Tier 2	cents / m3	23.8455	2.38%	24.4130	845,750	206,473
Tier 3	cents / m3	22.6530	2.38%	23.1921	1,032,696	239,504
Contract Demand	cents / m3	0.0000	2.38%	0.0000	0	0
Gas Supply	cents / m3	15.7983	0.00%	15.7983	2,198,518	347,328
Upstream Recovery Charge	cents / m3	2.9200	0.00%	2.9200	2,198,518	64,197
Transportation & Storage Charge	cents / m3	5.6413	0.00%	5.6413	2,198,518	124,025
Federal Carbon Charge	cents / m3	12.3900	0.00%	12.3900	2,198,518	272,396
						<u>1,385,466</u>

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Rate 11 Incentive Rate Adjustment

D1.3 Rate 11 Adjustment

GDP-IPI

Less Productivity

Less Stretch Factor

Incentive Rate Adjustment

2.38%

Months / Year

12

	Unit	Current Rate	Price Cap	Adjusted Rates	Billing Determinants	Revenue
Monthly Base	\$/month	218.66	2.38%	223.86	7	18,805
Bill 32 Rate	\$/month	1.00	0.00%	1.00	7	84
Tier 1	cents / m3	16.4578	2.38%	16.8495	0	0
Tier 2	cents / m3	16.4578	2.38%	16.8495	0	0
Tier 3	cents / m3	16.4578	2.38%	16.8495	1,386,497	233,618
Contract Demand	cents / m3	0.0000	2.38%	0.0000	0	0
Gas Supply	cents / m3	15.7983	0.00%	15.7983	1,386,497	219,043
Upstream Recovery Charge	cents / m3	0.0352	0.00%	0.0352	1,386,497	488
Transportation & Storage Charge	cents / m3	1.8166	0.00%	1.8166	1,386,497	25,187
Federal Carbon Charge	cents / m3	12.3900	0.00%	12.3900	1,386,497	171,787
						<u>669,011</u>

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Rate 16 Incentive Rate Adjustment

D1.4 Rate 16 Adjustment

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Less Productivity

Less Stretch Factor

Incentive Rate Adjustment

2.38%

Months / Year

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	Unit	Current Rate	Price Cap	Adjusted Rates	Billing Determinants	Revenue
Monthly Base	\$/month	1,607.77	2.38%	1,646.03	3	59,257
Bill 32 Rate	\$/month	1.00	0.00%	1.00	3	36
Tier 1	cents / m3	0.0000	2.38%	0.0000	0	0
Tier 2	cents / m3	0.0000	2.38%	0.0000	0	0
Tier 3	cents / m3	0.0000	2.38%	0.0000	0	0
Contract Demand	Cents/contracted demand m3	109.6650	2.38%	112.2750	95,824	1,291,037
Gas Supply	cents / m3	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000	0	0
Upstream Recovery Charge	Cents/contracted demand m3	14.2434	0.00%	14.2434	95,824	163,783
Transportation Charge From Dawn	Cents/contracted demand m3	18.2999	0.00%	18.2999	95,824	210,428
Transportation Charge From Kirkwall	Cents/contracted demand m3	11.8480	0.00%	11.8480	0	0
Transportation Charge From Parkway	Cents/contracted demand m3	11.8480	0.00%	11.8480	0	0
Federal Carbon Charge	Cents/contracted demand m3	12.3900	0.00%	12.3900	95,824	142,471
						1,867,013

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Proposed Distribution Tariff Sheet Rates

E1.1 Proposed Dist Rates

Rate Class		Monthly Base	Bill 32 Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Contract Demand	Gas Supply	Upstream Recovery Charge	Transportation & Storage Charge	Transportation Charge From Dawn	Transportation Charge From Kirkwall	Transportation Charge From Parkway	Federal Carbon Charge	Facility Carbon Charge
		\$/month	\$/month	¢ / m3	¢ / m3	¢ / m3	¢/contracted m3	¢/m3	(A)	¢ / m3	¢ /contracted m3	¢ /contracted m3	¢ /contracted m3	¢ / m3	¢ / m3
Rate 1	General Firm Service	27.45	1.00	29.4035	28.8243	27.9729		15.7983	1.4740	2.6982				12.3900	0.0011
Rate 6	Large Volume General Firm Service	111.93	1.00	27.1255	24.4130	23.1921		15.7983	2.9200	5.6413				12.3900	0.0011
Rate 11	Large Volume Seasonal Service	223.86	1.00	16.8495	16.8495	16.8495		15.7983	0.0352	1.8166				12.3900	0.0011
Rate 16	Contracted Firm Service	1,646.03	1.00				112.2750		14.2434		18.2999	11.8480	11.8480	12.3900	0.0011

(A) Rates 1, 6, and 11 all charged on cents / m3 basis. Rate 16 billed on cents / m3 of contracted demand basis

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Billing Determinants

E1.2 Billing Determinants

Rate Class	Description	Base cx's	Tier 1 m3	Tier 2 m3	Tier 3 m3	Firm Demand Contracted m3	Gas Supply m3
Rate 1	General Firm Service	5,606	4,790,547	3,231,919	272,765		8,295,231
Rate 6	Large Volume General Firm Service	33	320,072	845,750	1,032,696		2,198,518
Rate 11	Large Volume Seasonal Service	7			1,386,497		1,386,497
Rate 16	Contracted Firm Service	3				95,824	0

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Proposed Revenue from Rates

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Rate Class		Monthly Base	Bill 32 Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Contracted Demand	Gas Supply	Upstream Recovery Charge	Transportation & Storage Charge (A)	Federal Carbon Charge	Total
Rate 1	General Firm Service	1,846,487	67,272	1,408,590	931,577	76,300	0	1,310,505	122,272	223,822	1,027,779	7,014,605
Rate 6	Large Volume General Firm Service	44,325	396	86,821	206,473	239,504	0	347,328	64,197	124,025	272,396	1,385,466
Rate 11	Large Volume Seasonal Service	18,805	84	0	0	233,618	0	219,043	488	25,187	171,787	669,011
Rate 16	Contracted Firm Service	59,257	36	0	0	0	1,291,037	0	163,783	210,428	142,471	1,867,013

(A) Transportation & Storage for Rates 1, 6, and 11. Transportation only (no seasonal storage) for Rate 16 from Dawn.

Proposed Revenue	10,936,095
Current Revenue	10,786,321
Change	149,774
% Change	1.39%

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F1.3 Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider

Rate 1 General Firm Service	1.6330	Cents/m3
Rate 6 Large Volume General Firm Service	0.9090	Cents/m3
Rate 11 Large Volume Seasonal Service	0.5524	Cents/m3
Rate 16 Contracted Firm Service	0.0601	Cents/contracted demand m3/month

Energy Content Variance Account (ECVA)

Rate 1 General Firm Service	0.1720	Cents/m3
Rate 6 Large Volume General Firm Service	0.1984	Cents/m3
Rate 11 Large Volume Seasonal Service	0.1327	Cents/m3
Rate 16 Contracted Firm Service	0.0000	Cents/contracted demand m3

Contribution in Aid of Construction Variance Account (CIACVA)

CIACVA Rate Rider

Rate 1 General Firm Service	2.3299	Cents/m3
Rate 6 Large Volume General Firm Service	3.1255	Cents/m3
Rate 11 Large Volume Seasonal Service	0.6051	Cents/m3
Rate 16 Contracted Firm Service	4.7663	Cents/contracted demand m3/month

Municipal Tax Variance Account (MTVA)

Rate 1 General Firm Service	-2.5278	Cents/m3
Rate 6 Large Volume General Firm Service	-3.3910	Cents/m3
Rate 11 Large Volume Seasonal Service	-0.6565	Cents/m3
Rate 16 Contracted Firm Service	-5.1713	Cents/contracted demand m3/month

Other Revenue Deferral Account (ORDA)

Rate 1 General Firm Service	-0.0720	Cents/m3
Rate 6 Large Volume General Firm Service	-0.0966	Cents/m3
Rate 11 Large Volume Seasonal Service	-0.0187	Cents/m3
Rate 16 Contracted Firm Service	-0.1473	Cents/contracted demand m3/month

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Rate 1 Delivery Bill Impact

G1.1 Rate 1 Bill Impact

Rate 1

Rate 1 - Existing Residential		Units	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Customer	\$ / month		26.81	27.45
Bill 32 Rate	\$ / month		1.00	1.00
First 100 m3	¢ / m3		28.7200	29.4035
Next 400 m3	¢ / m3		28.1542	28.8243
GT 500m3	¢ / m3		27.3226	27.9729
Contracted Demand	¢ / contracted m3		-	-
Gas Supply	¢ / m3		15.7983	15.7983
Upstream Recovery @charge	\$ / m3		1.4740	1.4740
Transportation & Storage Charge	¢ / m3		2.6982	2.6982
Federal Carbon Charge	¢ / m3		12.3900	12.3900

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	¢ / m3	1.6330	1.6330
ECVA Rate Rider	¢ / m3	0.3437	0.1720
CIACVA Rate Rider	¢ / m3	3.3388	2.3299
MTVA Rate Rider	¢ / m3	2.7906	2.5278
ORDA Rate Rider	¢ / m3	-	0.0720

Delivery

Customer	12	321.72	329.38	7.66	2.38%
Bill 32 Rate	12	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00%
First 100 m3	1,001	287.58	294.42	6.84	2.38%
Next 400 m3	1,148	323.12	330.81	7.69	2.38%
GT 500m3	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Contracted Demand	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Gas Supply	2,149	339.51	339.51	0.00	0.00%
Upstream Recovery @charge	2,149	31.68	31.68	0.00	0.00%
Transportation & Storage Charge	2,149	57.98	57.98	0.00	0.00%
Federal Carbon Charge	2,149	266.26	266.26	0.00	0.00%

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	2,149	35.09	35.09	0.00	0.00%
ECVA Rate Rider	2,149	7.39	3.70	-3.69	-49.95%
CIACVA Rate Rider	2,149	71.75	50.07	-21.68	-30.22%
MTVA Rate Rider	2,149	-59.97	-54.32	5.65	-9.42%
ORDA Rate Rider	2,149	0.00	-1.55	-1.55	#DIV/0!
Total Rate Riders		54.26	32.99	(21.27)	-39.20%

Total Bill Impact

	1,694.11	1,695.03	0.92	0.1%
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Rate 1 - New Residential		Units	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Customer	\$ / month		26.81	27.45
Bill 32 Rate	\$ / month		1.00	1.00
First 100 m3	¢ / m3		28.7200	29.4035
Next 400 m3	¢ / m3		28.1542	28.8243
GT 500m3	¢ / m3		27.3226	27.9729
Contracted Demand	¢ / contracted m3		0.0000	0.0000
Gas Supply	¢ / m3		15.7983	15.7983
Upstream Recovery @charge	¢ / m3		1.4740	1.4740
Transportation & Storage Charge	¢ / m3		2.6982	2.6982
Federal Carbon Charge	¢ / m3		12.3900	12.3900

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	¢ / m3	1.6330	1.6330
ECVA Rate Rider	¢ / m3	0.3437	0.1720
CIACVA Rate Rider	¢ / m3	3.3388	2.3299
MTVA Rate Rider	¢ / m3	-2.7906	-2.5278
ORDA Rate Rider	¢ / m3	0.0000	-0.0720

Delivery

Customer	12	321.72	329.38	7.66	2.38%
Bill 32 Rate	12	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00%
First 100 m3	993	285.23	292.02	6.79	2.38%
Next 400 m3	1,073	302.06	309.25	7.19	2.38%
GT 500m3	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Contracted Demand	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Gas Supply	2,066.00	326.39	326.39	0.00	0.00%
Upstream Recovery @charge	2,066.00	30.45	30.45	0.00	0.00%
Transportation & Storage Charge	2,066.00	55.74	55.74	0.00	0.00%
Federal Carbon Charge	2,066.00	255.98	255.98	0.00	0.00%

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	2,066.00	33.74	33.74	0.00	0.00%
ECVA Rate Rider	2,066.00	7.10	3.55	-3.55	-49.95%
CIACVA Rate Rider	2,066.00	68.98	48.14	-20.84	-30.22%
MTVA Rate Rider	2,066.00	-57.65	-52.23	5.43	-9.42%
ORDA Rate Rider		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Total Rate Riders		52.16	33.20	(18.96)	-36.35%

Total Bill Impact

	1,641.74	1,644.41	2.67	0.2%
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Rate 1 - Small Commercial		Units	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
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Rate 1 Delivery Bill Impact

Customer	\$/month	26.81	27.45
Bill 32 Rate	\$/month	1.00	1.00
First 100 m3	¢/m3	28.7200	29.4035
Next 400 m3	¢/m3	28.1542	28.8243
GT 500m3	¢/m3	27.3226	27.9729
Contracted Demand	¢ / contracted m3	0.0000	0.0000
Gas Supply	¢/m3	15.7983	15.7983
Upstream Recovery Charge	¢/m3	1.4740	1.4740
Transportation & Storage Charge	¢/m3	2.6982	2.6982
Federal Carbon Charge	¢/m3	12.3900	12.3900

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	¢/m3	1.6330	1.6330
ECVA Rate Rider	¢/m3	0.3437	0.1720
CIACVA Rate Rider	¢/m3	3.3388	2.3299
MTVA Rate Rider	¢/m3	-2.7906	-2.5278
ORDA Rate Rider	¢/m3	0.0000	-0.0720

Delivery

Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
Customer	12	321.72	329.38	7.66 2.38%
Bill 32 Rate	12	12.00	12.00	0.00 0.00%
First 100 m3	1,198	344.11	352.30	8.19 2.38%
Next 400 m3	2,475	696.82	715.40	18.58 2.38%
GT 500m3	3,020	278.64	285.27	6.63 2.38%
Contracted Demand	-	0.00	0.00	0.00 #DIV/0!
Gas Supply	4,693.00	741.41	741.41	0.00 0.00%
Upstream Recovery Charge	4,693.00	69.17	69.17	0.00 0.00%
Transportation & Storage Charge	4,693.00	126.63	126.63	0.00 0.00%
Federal Carbon Charge	4,693.00	581.46	581.46	0.00 0.00%
Total Delivery		3,171.97	3,211.04	39.06 1.23%

Rate Riders

Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	4,693.00	76.64	76.64	0.00 0.00%
ECVA Rate Rider	4,693.00	16.13	8.07	-8.06 -49.95%
CIACVA Rate Rider	4,693.00	156.69	109.34	-47.35 -30.22%
MTVA Rate Rider	4,693.00	-130.96	-118.63	12.33 -9.42%
ORDA Rate Rider	4,693.00	0.00	-3.38	#DIV/0!
Total Rate Riders		118.49	72.04	(46.45) -39.20%

Total Bill Impact

	3,290.47	3,283.08	-	7.39 -0.2%
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Rate 1 - Small Agricultural

Units	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Customer	\$/month 26.81	27.45
Bill 32 Rate	\$/month 1.00	1.00
First 100 m3	¢/m3 28.7200	29.4035
Next 400 m3	¢/m3 28.1542	28.8243
GT 500m3	¢/m3 27.3226	27.9729
Contracted Demand	¢ / contracted m3 0.0000	0.0000
Gas Supply	¢/m3 15.7983	15.7983
Upstream Recovery Charge	¢/m3 1.4740	1.4740
Transportation & Storage Charge	¢/m3 2.6982	2.6982
Federal Carbon Charge	¢/m3 12.3900	12.3900

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	¢/m3	1.6330	1.6330
ECVA Rate Rider	¢/m3	0.3437	0.1720
CIACVA Rate Rider	¢/m3	3.3388	2.3299
MTVA Rate Rider	¢/m3	-2.7906	-2.5278
ORDA Rate Rider	¢/m3	0.0000	-0.0720

Delivery

Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
Customer	12	321.72	329.38	7.66 2.38%
Bill 32 Rate	12	12.00	12.00	0.00 0.00%
First 100 m3	1,199	344.28	352.47	8.19 2.38%
Next 400 m3	2,484	699.37	716.01	16.64 2.38%
GT 500m3	3,037	283.39	290.13	6.74 2.38%
Contracted Demand	-	0.00	0.00	0.00 #DIV/0!
Commodity	4,720.00	745.68	745.68	0.00 0.00%
Upstream Recovery Charge	4,720.00	69.57	69.57	0.00 0.00%
Transportation & Storage Charge	4,720.00	127.36	127.36	0.00 0.00%
Federal Carbon Charge	4,720.00	584.81	584.81	0.00 0.00%
Total Delivery		3,188.17	3,227.41	39.24 1.23%

Rate Riders

Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	4,720.00	77.08	77.08	0.00 0.00%
ECVA Rate Rider	4,720.00	16.22	8.12	-8.10 -49.95%
CIACVA Rate Rider	4,720.00	157.59	109.97	-47.62 -30.22%
MTVA Rate Rider	4,720.00	-131.72	-119.31	12.40 -9.42%
ORDA Rate Rider	4,720.00	0.00	-3.40	#DIV/0!
Total Rate Riders		119.18	72.45	(46.72) -39.20%

Total Bill Impact

	3,307.35	3,299.87	-	7.48 -0.2%
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Rate 6 Delivery Bill Impact

G1.2 Rate 6 Bill Impact

Rate 6 - Medium Commercial	Units	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Customer	\$/month	109.33	111.93
Bill 32 Rate	\$/month	1.00	1.00
First 1000 m3	¢/m3	26.4949	27.1255
Next 6000 m3	¢/m3	23.8455	24.4130
GT 7000m3	¢/m3	22.6530	23.1921
Contracted Demand	¢ / contracted m3	-	-
Gas Supply	¢/m3	15.7983	15.7983
Upstream Recovery ¢/charge	¢/m3	2.9200	2.9200
Transportation & ¢/storage Charge	¢/m3	5.6413	5.6413
Federal Carbon Charge	¢/m3	12.3900	12.3900

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	¢/m3	0.9090	0.9090
ECVA Rate Rider		0.2778	0.1984
CIACVA Rate Rider		3.1385	3.1255
MTVA Rate Rider		3.4040	3.3910
ORDA Rate Rider		-	0.0966

Delivery

Customer	12	1,311.96	1,343.18	31.22	2.38%
Bill 32 Rate	12	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00%
First 1000 m3	9.832	2,604.86	2,666.85	62.00	2.38%
Next 6000 m3	17.301	4,077.93	4,174.98	97.05	2.38%
GT 7000m3	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Contracted Demand	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Gas Supply	26,933.00	4,254.96	4,254.96	0.00	0.00%
Upstream Recovery ¢/charge	26,933.00	786.44	786.44	0.00	0.00%
Transportation & Storage Charge	26,933.00	1,519.37	1,519.37	0.00	0.00%
Federal Carbon Charge	26,933.00	3,337.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Delivery		17,904.52	18,094.79	190.27	1.06%

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	26,933.00	244.82	244.82	0.00	0.00%
ECVA Rate Rider	26,933.00	74.82	53.45	-21.37	-28.57%
CIACVA Rate Rider	26,933.00	845.29	841.78	-3.51	-0.42%
MTVA Rate Rider	26,933.00	-916.80	-913.30	3.50	-0.38%
ORDA Rate Rider	26,933.00	0.00	-26.02	-26.02	#DIV/0!

Total Bill Impact

	18,152.65	18,295.52	142.87	0.79%
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Rate 6 - Large Commercial	Units	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Customer	\$/month	109.33	111.93
Bill 32 Rate	\$/month	1.00	1.00
First 1000 m3	¢/m3	26.4949	27.1255
Next 6000 m3	¢/m3	23.8455	24.4130
GT 7000m3	¢/m3	22.6530	23.1921
Contracted Demand	¢ / contracted m3	0.0000	0.0000
Gas Supply	¢/m3	15.7983	15.7983
Upstream Recovery ¢/charge	¢/m3	2.9200	2.9200
Transportation & ¢/storage Charge	¢/m3	5.6413	5.6413
Federal Carbon Charge	¢/m3	12.3900	12.3900

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	¢/m3	0.9090	0.9090
ECVA Rate Rider	¢/m3	0.2778	0.1984
CIACVA Rate Rider	¢/m3	3.1385	3.1255
MTVA Rate Rider	¢/m3	3.4040	3.3910
ORDA Rate Rider	¢/m3	0.0000	-0.0966

Delivery

Customer	12	1,311.96	1,343.18	31.22	2.38%
Bill 32 Rate	12	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00%
First 1000 m3	11.715	3,103.96	3,177.84	73.87	2.38%
Next 6000 m3	40.793	9,727.23	9,958.74	231.51	2.38%
GT 7000m3	23.177	5,250.28	5,375.23	124.96	2.38%
Contracted Demand		0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Gas Supply	75,685.00	11,956.94	11,956.94	0.00	0.00%
Upstream Recovery Charge	75,685.00	2,210.00	2,210.00	0.00	0.00%
Transportation & Storage Charge	75,685.00	4,269.62	4,269.62	0.00	0.00%
Federal Carbon Charge	75,685.00	9,377.37	9,377.37	0.00	0.00%
Total Delivery		47,219.36	47,680.93	461.56	0.98%

Rate Riders

Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	75,685.00	687.98	687.98	0.00	0.00%
ECVA Rate Rider	75,685.00	210.25	150.19	-60.06	-28.57%
CIACVA Rate Rider	75,685.00	2,375.37	2,365.50	-9.88	-0.42%
MTVA Rate Rider	75,685.00	-2,576.32	-2,566.48	9.84	-0.38%
ORDA Rate Rider	75,685.00	0.00	-73.13	-73.13	#DIV/0!

Total Bill Impact

	47,916.65	48,244.99	328.34	0.69%
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Rate 11 Delivery Bill Impact

G1.3 Rate 11 Bill Impact

Rate 11 - Large Seasonal Service Sample Dryer 1		Units	Current Rate	Proposed Rate		
Customer		\$/month	218.66	223.86		
Bill 32 Rate		\$/month	1.00	1.00		
All Volumes		€/m3	16.4578	16.8495		
Tier 2		€/m3	16.4578	16.8495		
Tier 3		€/m3	16.4578	16.8495		
Contracted Demand		€/contracted m3	-	-		
Gas Supply		€/m3	15.7983	15.7983		
Upstream Recovery @charge		€/m3	0.0352	0.0352		
Transportation & Storage Charge		€/m3	1.8166	1.8166		
Federal Carbon Charge		€/m3	12.3900	12.3900		
Rate Riders						
Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider		€/m3	0.5524	0.5524		
ECVA Rate Rider		€/m3	0.1857	0.1327		
CIACVA Rate Rider		€/m3	0.6074	0.6051		
MTVA Rate Rider		€/m3	0.6604	-0.6565		
ORDA Rate Rider		€/m3	-	0.0187		
Delivery						
Customer		Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
Bill 32 Rate		12	2,623.92	2,686.37	62.45	2.38%
All Volumes		12	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00%
Tier 2		101,499	16,704.58	17,102.15	397.57	2.38%
Tier 3		-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Contracted Demand		-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Gas Supply		-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Upstream Recovery @charge		101,499.49	16,035.19	16,035.19	0.00	0.00%
Transportation & Storage Charge		101,499.49	35.73	35.73	0.00	0.00%
Federal Carbon Charge		101,499.49	1,843.84	1,843.84	0.00	0.00%
Total Delivery		101,499.49	12,575.79	12,575.79	0.00	0.00%
			49,831.05	50,291.07	460.02	0.92%
Rate Riders						
Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider		Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
ECVA Rate Rider		101,499.49	560.68	560.68	0.00	0.00%
CIACVA Rate Rider		101,499.49	188.48	134.67	-53.82	-28.55%
CIACVA Rate Rider		101,499.49	616.51	614.19	-2.31	-0.38%
MTVA Rate Rider		101,499.49	-670.30	-666.38	3.92	-0.59%
ORDA Rate Rider		101,499.49	0.00	-18.99	-18.99	#DIV/0!
Total Rate Riders			695.37	624.18	-71.19	-10.24%
Total Bill Impact			50,526.42	50,915.25	388.82	0.77%
Rate 11 - Large Seasonal Service Sample Dryer 2						
		Units	Current Rate	Proposed Rate		
Customer		\$/month	218.66	223.86		
Bill 32 Rate		\$/month	1.00	1.00		
All Volumes		€/m3	16.4578	16.8495		
Tier 2		€/m3	16.4578	16.8495		
Tier 3		€/m3	16.4578	16.8495		
Contracted Demand		€/contracted m3	0.0000	0.0000		
Gas Supply		€/m3	15.7983	15.7983		
Upstream Recovery @charge		€/m3	0.0352	0.0352		
Transportation & Storage Charge		€/m3	1.8166	1.8166		
Federal Carbon Charge		€/m3	12.3900	12.3900		
Rate Riders						
Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider		€/m3	0.5524	0.5524		
ECVA Rate Rider		€/m3	0.1857	0.1327		
CIACVA Rate Rider		€/m3	0.6074	0.6051		
MTVA Rate Rider		€/m3	-0.6604	-0.6565		
ORDA Rate Rider		€/m3	0.0000	-0.0187		
Delivery						
Customer		Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
Bill 32 Rate		12	2,623.92	2,686.37	62.45	2.38%
All Volumes		12	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00%
Tier 2		338,332	55,681.94	57,007.17	1,325.23	2.38%
Tier 3		-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Contracted Demand		-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Gas Supply		-	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Upstream Recovery @charge		338,331.62	53,450.64	53,450.64	0.00	0.00%
Transportation & Storage Charge		338,331.62	119.09	119.09	0.00	0.00%
Transportation & Storage Charge		338,331.62	6,146.13	6,146.13	0.00	0.00%
Federal Carbon Charge		338,331.62	41,919.29	41,919.29	0.00	0.00%
Total Delivery		338,331.62	159,953.02	161,340.70	1,387.68	0.87%
Rate Riders						
Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider		Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
ECVA Rate Rider		338,331.62	1,868.94	1,868.94	0.00	0.00%
ECVA Rate Rider		338,331.62	628.28	448.89	-179.39	-28.55%
CIACVA Rate Rider		338,331.62	2,055.03	2,047.32	-7.71	-0.38%
MTVA Rate Rider		338,331.62	-2,234.34	-2,221.26	13.08	-0.59%
ORDA Rate Rider		338,331.62	0.00	-63.29	-63.29	#DIV/0!
Total Rate Riders			2,317.91	2,080.60	-237.31	-10.24%
Total Bill Impact			162,270.93	163,421.29	1,150.37	0.71%

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Rate 16 Delivery Bill Impact

G1.4 Rate 16 Bill Impact

Rate 16 - Contracted Demand		Units	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Customer	\$/month		1,607.77	1,646.03
Bill 32 Rate	\$/month		1.00	1.00
Tier 1	¢/m3		0.0000	0.0000
Tier 2	¢/m3		0.0000	0.0000
Tier 3	¢/m3		0.0000	0.0000
Contracted Demand	¢ / contracted m3		109.6650	112.2750
Gas Supply	¢/m3		0.0000	0.0000
Upstream Recovery Charge	¢ / contracted m3		14.2434	14.2434
Transportation Charge From Dawn	¢ / contracted m3		18.2999	18.2999
Transportation Charge From Kirkwall	¢ / contracted m3		11.8480	11.8480
Transportation Charge From Parkway	¢ / contracted m3		11.8480	11.8480
Federal Carbon Charge	¢/m3		12.3900	12.3900
Rate Riders				
Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	¢ / contracted m3		0.0601	0.0601
ECVA Rate Rider	¢ / contracted m3		-	-
CIACVA Rate Rider	¢ / contracted m3		4.5311	4.7663
MTVA Rate Rider	¢ / contracted m3		- 4.5564	- 5.1713
ORDA Rate Rider	¢ / contracted m3		-	- 0.1473
Delivery				
Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
Customer	12 19,293.24	19,752.42	459.18	2.38%
Bill 32 Rate	12 12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00%
Tier 1	- 0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Tier 2	- 0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Tier 3	- 0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Contracted Demand	50,000 657,990.00	673,650.16	15,660.16	2.38%
Gas Supply	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Upstream Recovery Charge	50,000.00 85,460.40	85,460.40	0.00	0.00%
Transportation Charge From Dawn	50,000.00 109,799.40	109,799.40	0.00	0.00%
Transportation Charge From Kirkwall	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Transportation Charge From Parkway	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Federal Carbon Charge	50,000.00 74,340.00	74,340.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Delivery	946,895.04	963,014.38	16,119.34	1.70%
Rate Riders				
Metric	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change \$	Change %
Delay in Revenue Recovery Rate Rider	12.00 360.60	360.60	0.00	0.00%
ECVA Rate Rider	12.00 0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
CIACVA Rate Rider	12.00 27,186.60	28,598.10	1,411.50	5.19%
MTVA Rate Rider	12.00 -27,338.40	-31,027.86	-3,689.46	13.50%
ORDA Rate Rider	12.00 0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Total Rate Riders	208.80 # -	2,069.16 # -	2,277.96	-1090.98%
Total Bill Impact	947,103.84	960,945.22	13,841.38	1.46%

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Summary of Bill Impacts

G1.7 Summary of Bill Impacts

Rate Class		Fixed Change	Volumetric Change	Rate Riders	Total Change	Total Change %
		(\$/year)	(\$/year)	(\$/year)	(\$/year)	
Rate 1	Existing Residential	7.66	14.53	-21.27	0.92	0.05%
Rate 1	New Residential	7.66	13.98	-18.96	2.67	0.16%
Rate 1	Small Commercial	7.66	31.41	-46.45	-7.39	-0.22%
Rate 1	Small Agricultural	7.66	31.58	-46.72	-7.48	-0.23%
Rate 6	Medium Commercial	31.22	159.05	-47.41	142.87	0.79%
Rate 6	Large Commercial	31.22	430.34	-133.22	328.34	0.69%
Rate 11	Sample Dryer 1	62.45	397.57	-71.19	388.82	0.77%
Rate 11	Sample Dryer 2	62.45	1,325.23	-237.31	1,150.37	0.71%
Rate 16	Contracted Demand	459.18	15,660.16	-2,277.96	13,841.38	1.46%

Appendix B - Proposed Draft Rate Schedules

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RATE 1 - General Firm Service

Applicability

Any customer in EPCOR's Southern Bruce Natural Gas System who is an end user and whose total gas requirements are equal to or less than 10,000 m³ per year.

Rate

Rates per m³ assume an energy content of 38.89MJ/m³

Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

Monthly Fixed Charge ⁽¹⁾	\$28.45	
Delivery Charge		
First 100 m ³ per month	29.4035	¢ per m ³
Next 400 m ³ per month	28.8243	¢ per m ³
Over 500 m ³ per month	27.9729	¢ per m ³
Upstream Charges		
Upstream Recovery charge	1.4740	¢ per m ³
Transportation and Storage charge	2.6982	¢ per m ³
Rate Rider for Delay in Revenue Recovery	1.6330	¢ per m ³
- effective for 10 years ending December 31, 2028		
ECVA Rate Rider	0.1720	¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
CIACVA Rate Rider	2.3299	¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
MTVA Rate Rider	(2.5278)	¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
ORDA Rate Rider	(0.0720)	¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable) ⁽²⁾	12.39	¢ per m ³
Facility Carbon Charge	0.0011	¢ per m ³
Gas Supply Charge	15.7983	¢ per m ³

⁽¹⁾Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

⁽²⁾ The Federal Carbon Charge is only "applicable" to 20% of the natural gas volumes used by eligible greenhouses, reducing their effective Federal Carbon Charge rate.

Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this Rate Schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, the supplier must qualify as a “gas marketer” under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, and must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider (“**Ontario Delivery Point**”). T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in Rate Schedule T1. Transportation and Storage charges may vary depending on the Ontario Delivery Point. Gas Supply Charges in this Rate Schedule are not applicable for Rate T1 customers.

Terms and Conditions of Service

The provisions in the “EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership Southern Bruce Natural Gas Operations Conditions of Service” apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

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RATE 6 – Large Volume General Firm Service

Applicability

Any customer in EPCOR's Southern Bruce Natural Gas System who is an end user and whose total gas requirements are greater than 10,000 m³ per year.

Rate

Rates per m³ assume an energy content of 38.89MJ/m³

Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

Monthly Fixed Charge ⁽¹⁾	\$112.93	
Delivery Charge		
First 1000 m ³ per month	27.1255	¢ per m ³
Next 6000 m ³ per month	24.4130	¢ per m ³
Over 7000 m ³ per month	23.1921	¢ per m ³
Upstream Charges		
Upstream Recovery charge	2.9200	¢ per m ³
Transportation and Storage charge	5.6413	¢ per m ³
Rate Rider for Delay in Revenue Recovery	0.9090	¢ per m ³
- effective for 10 years ending December 31, 2028		
ECVA Rate Rider	0.1984	¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
CIACVA Rate Rider	3.1255	¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
MTVA Rate Rider	(3.3910)	¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
ORDA Rate Rider	(0.0966)	¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable) ⁽²⁾	12.39	¢ per m ³
Facility Carbon Charge	0.0011	¢ per m ³
Gas Supply Charge	15.7983	¢ per m ³

⁽¹⁾Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

⁽²⁾ The Federal Carbon Charge is only "applicable" to 20% of the natural gas volumes used by eligible greenhouses, reducing their effective Federal Carbon Charge rate.

Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this Rate Schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, the customer or their agent must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider ("**Ontario Delivery Point**"). T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in Rate Schedule T1. Transportation and Storage charges may vary depending on the Ontario Delivery Point. Gas Supply Charges in this Rate Schedule are not applicable for Rate T1 customers.

Terms and Conditions of Service

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RATE 11 - Large Volume Seasonal Service

Applicability

Any customer in EPCOR's Southern Bruce Natural Gas System who is an end user and whose gas requirements are only during the period of May 1 through Dec 15 inclusive and are greater than 10,000 m³.

Rate

Rates per m³ assume an energy content of 38.89MJ/m³

Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

Monthly Fixed Charge ⁽¹⁾	\$224.86
Delivery Charge	
All volumes delivered	16.8495 ¢ per m ³
Upstream Charges	
Upstream Recovery charge	0.0352 ¢ per m ³
Transportation and Storage charge	1.8166 ¢ per m ³
Rate Rider for Delay in Revenue Recovery	0.5524 ¢ per m ³
- effective for 10 years ending December 31, 2028	
ECVA Rate Rider	0.1327 ¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	
CIACVA Rate Rider	0.6051 ¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	
MTVA Rate Rider	(0.6565) ¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	
ORDA Rate Rider	(0.0187) ¢ per m ³
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024	
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable) ⁽²⁾	12.39 ¢ per m ³
Facility Carbon Charge	0.0011 ¢ per m ³
Gas Supply Charge	15.7983 ¢ per m ³

⁽¹⁾Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

⁽²⁾ The Federal Carbon Charge is only "applicable" to 20% of the natural gas volumes used by eligible

greenhouses, reducing their effective Federal Carbon Charge rate.

Unaccounted for Gas (UFG):

Forecasted UFG is applied to all volumes of gas delivered to the customer.

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas Percentage

0.00 %

Overrun Charges:

Any volume of gas taken during the period of December 16 through April 30 inclusive shall constitute "Overrun

Gas" and must be authorized in advance by EPCOR. Delivery of these volumes is available at the Authorized Overrun Charge in addition to applicable Upstream Charges and Gas Supply Charges. EPCOR will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

Authorized Overrun Charge

17.5581 ¢ per m³

Any volume of gas taken during the period of December 16 through April 30 inclusive without EPCOR's approval in advance shall constitute "Unauthorized Overrun Gas". Delivery of these volumes will be paid for at the Unauthorized Overrun Charge in addition to applicable Upstream Charges and Gas Supply Charges.

Unauthorized Overrun Charge

420.4559 ¢ per m³

For any volume of Unauthorized Overrun Gas taken, the customer shall, in addition, indemnify EPCOR in respect of any penalties or additional costs imposed on EPCOR by its suppliers, any additional gas cost incurred or any sales margins lost as a consequence of the customer taking the unauthorized overrun volume.

Nominations:

Union Gas Limited will be the "Upstream Service Provider" to facilitate delivery and balancing of gas supplies to the EPCOR Southern Bruce Natural Gas System. For service under this Rate Schedule, the customer shall nominate for transportation of gas volumes for ultimate delivery to the customer. The customer agrees to nominate its daily gas volumetric requirement to EPCOR, or its designated agent, consistent with industry nomination standards including those nomination requirements of the Upstream Service Provider.

The customer shall nominate gas delivery daily based on its daily gas requirements plus the Forecasted UFG rate as set out in this Rate Schedule.

The nomination calculation shall equal:

[(Daily volume of gas to be delivered) * (1 + Forecasted UFG)]

Customers may change daily nominations based on the nomination windows within a day as defined by EPCOR's agreement with the Upstream Service Provider.

In the event nominations under this Rate Schedule do not match upstream nominations, the nomination will be confirmed at the upstream value.

Customers with multiple connections under this Rate Schedule may combine nominations at the sole discretion of EPCOR. For combined nominations the customer shall specify the quantity of gas to each meter installation ("Terminal Location") and the order in which the gas is to be delivered to each Terminal Location.

Load Balancing:

Daily nominations provided by the customer shall be used for the purposes of day-to-day balancing as required under EPCOR's arrangement with the Upstream Service Provider.

When a customer's metered consumption on any day is different than the gas nominated for consumption by the customer on any day, this constitutes a "Daily Load Imbalance". A "Cumulative Load Imbalance" occurs when the ongoing absolute value of Daily Load Imbalances are greater than zero.

To the extent that EPCOR incurs daily or cumulative load balancing charges, the customer will be responsible for its proportionate share of such charges. Charges related to these imbalances are as defined in EPCOR's agreement with the Upstream Service Provider.

Direct Purchase Delivery

Where a customer elects under this Rate Schedule to directly purchase its gas from a supplier other than EPCOR, the customer or their agent must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider ("**Ontario Delivery Point**"). T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in Rate Schedule T1. Transportation and Storage charges may vary depending on the Ontario Delivery Point. Gas Supply Charges in this Rate Schedule are not applicable for Rate T1 customers.

Terms and Conditions of Service

1. In any year, during the period of May 1 through December 15 inclusive, the customers shall receive continuous ("**Firm**") service from EPCOR, except where impacted by events as specified in EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership Southern Bruce Natural Gas Operations Conditions of Service including force majeure. During the period of December 16 through April 30 inclusive, any authorized overrun service shall be interruptible at the sole discretion of EPCOR. All service during the period December 16 through April 30 inclusive shall be subject to EPCOR's prior authorization under the daily nomination procedures outlined in this Rate Schedule and shall constitute Overrun Gas.
2. To the extent that EPCOR's Upstream Service Provider provides any seasonal or day-to-day balancing rights for EPCOR, the customer shall be entitled to a reasonable proportion of such balancing rights as determined by EPCOR from time to time. If the customer utilizes any of EPCOR's seasonal or day-to-day balancing services or any other services available from the Upstream Service Provider, the customer agrees to comply with all balancing requirements imposed by the Upstream Service Provider. The customer also agrees to be liable for its share of any such usage limitations or restrictions, fees, costs or penalties associated with the usage of such services, including but not limited to any associated storage fees, daily or cumulative balancing fees or penalties, and gas commodity costs as determined by EPCOR, acting reasonably.

3. EPCOR receives upstream services under the Union Gas Limited M17 Rate Schedule. Details of this upstream arrangement and associated nomination standards and Load Balancing Arrangement are available at www.uniongas.com.
4. The provisions in the “EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership Southern Bruce Natural Gas Operations Conditions of Service” apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

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RATE 16 – Contracted Firm Service

Applicability

Any customer connected directly to EPCOR's Southern Bruce Natural Gas High Pressure Steel System and who enters into a contract with EPCOR for firm contract daily demand of at least 2,739m³.

Rate

Rates per m³ assume an energy content of 38.89MJ/m³

Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be the total of:

Monthly Fixed Charge ⁽¹⁾	\$1,647.03	
Delivery Charge		
Per m ³ of Contract Demand	112.2750	¢ per m ³
Upstream Charges		
Upstream Recovery charge per m ³ of Contract Demand	14.2434	¢ per m ³
Transportation charge per m ³ of Contract Demand		
Transportation from Dawn	18.2999	¢ per m ³
Transportation from Kirkwall	11.8480	¢ per m ³
Transportation from Parkway	11.8480	¢ per m ³
Rate Rider for Delay in Revenue Recovery	0.0601	¢ per m ³
- effective for 10 years ending December 31, 2028		
CIACVA Rate Rider	4.7663	Per m ³ of Contract Demand per month
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
EFVA Rate Rider	(5.1713)	Per m ³ of Contract Demand per month
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
ORDA Rate Rider	(0.1473)	Per m ³ of Contract Demand per month
- effective for 12 months ending December 31, 2024		
Federal Carbon Charge (if applicable) ⁽²⁾	12.39	¢ per m ³
Facility Carbon Charge	0.0011	¢ per m ³

⁽¹⁾Aggregated within Monthly Fixed Charge is the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19.

(2) The Federal Carbon Charge is only “applicable” to 20% of the natural gas volumes used by eligible greenhouses, reducing their effective Federal Carbon Charge rate.

Unaccounted for Gas:

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas (UFG) is applied to all volumes of gas delivered to the customer.

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas Percentage 0.00 %

Overrun Charges:

Any volume of gas taken in excess of the daily Contract Demand or Peak Hourly Volume EPCOR is obligated to transport as per the contract with the customer shall constitute “Overrun Gas” and must be authorized in advance by EPCOR. Delivery of these volumes is available at the Authorized Overrun Charge in addition to applicable Upstream Charges. EPCOR will not unreasonably withhold authorization.

Authorized Overrun Charge 5.4867 ¢ per m³

Any volume of gas taken in excess of the daily Contract Demand or Peak Hourly Volume EPCOR is obligated to transport as per the contract with the customer without EPCOR’s approval in advance shall constitute “Unauthorized Overrun Gas”. Delivery of these volumes will be paid for at the Unauthorized Overrun Charge in addition to applicable Upstream Charges.

Unauthorized Overrun Charge 420.5640 ¢ per m³

For any volume of Unauthorized Overrun Gas taken, the customer shall, in addition, indemnify EPCOR in respect of any penalties or additional costs imposed on EPCOR by its suppliers, any additional gas cost incurred or any sales margins lost as a consequence of the customer taking the unauthorized overrun volume.

Nominations:

Union Gas Limited will be the “Upstream Service Provider” to facilitate delivery and balancing of gas supplies to the EPCOR Southern Bruce Natural Gas System. For service under this Rate Schedule, the customer shall nominate for transportation of gas volumes for ultimate delivery to the customer. The customer agrees to nominate its daily gas volumetric requirement to EPCOR, or its designated agent, consistent with industry nomination standards including those nomination requirements of the Upstream Service Provider.

The customer shall nominate gas delivery daily based on its daily gas requirements plus the Forecasted UFG rate and Fuel Ratio. The Forecasted UFG rate is as set out in this Rate Schedule. The Fuel Ratio is the Shipper Supplied Fuel rates applicable to the receipt point of gas defined in the “Gas Supply” section of this Rate Schedule.

The nomination calculation shall equal:

[(Daily volume of gas to be delivered) * (1 + Forecasted UFG) * (1 + Fuel Ratio)]

Customers may change daily nominations based on the nomination windows within a day as defined by EPCOR’s agreement with the Upstream Service Provider.

In the event nominations under this Rate Schedule do not match upstream nominations, the nomination will be confirmed at the upstream value.

Customers with multiple connections under this Rate Schedule may combine nominations at the sole discretion of EPCOR. For combined nominations the customer shall specify the quantity of gas to each meter installation ("Terminal Location") and the order in which the gas is to be delivered to each Terminal Location.

Load Balancing:

Daily nominations provided by the customer shall be used for the purposes of day-to-day balancing as required under EPCOR's arrangement with the Upstream Service Provider.

When a customer's metered consumption on any day is different than the gas nominated for consumption by the customer on any day, this constitutes a "Daily Load Imbalance". A "Cumulative Load Imbalance" occurs when the ongoing absolute value of Daily Load Imbalances are greater than zero.

To the extent that EPCOR incurs daily or cumulative load balancing charges, the customer will be responsible for its proportionate share of such charges. Charges related to these imbalances are as defined in EPCOR's agreement with the Upstream Service Provider.

Gas Supply:

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers under this Rate Schedule must deliver firm gas at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider ("**Ontario Delivery Point**"). The customer or their agent must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR for delivery of gas to EPCOR. T-Service Receipt Contract rates are described in Rate Schedule T1.

The customer must deliver to EPCOR on a daily basis the volume of gas to be delivered to the customer's Terminal Location plus the Forecasted UFG rate and Fuel Ratio. Transportation charges vary depending on the Ontario Delivery Point at the rates provided in this Rate Schedule. The Forecasted UFG rate is as set out in this Rate Schedule, and the Fuel Ratio is the Shipper Supplied Fuel rates of the Ontario Delivery Point related to necessary compressor or other fuel requirements of the Upstream Service Provider.

The Gas Supply calculation shall equal:

$$[(\text{Daily volume of gas to be delivered}) * (1 + \text{Forecasted UFG}) * (1 + \text{Fuel Ratio})]$$

Terms and Conditions of Service

1. EPCOR receives upstream services under the Union Gas Limited M17 Rate Schedule. Details of this upstream arrangement and associated nomination standards, applicable Fuel Ratio, and Load Balancing Arrangement are available at www.uniongas.com.
2. The provisions in the "EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership General Terms and Conditions for Rate 16 Customers" apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

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RATE T1 – Direct Purchase Contract Rate

Availability

Rate T1 is available to all customers or their agent who enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract for delivery of gas to EPCOR. The availability of this option is subject to EPCOR obtaining a satisfactory agreement or arrangement with EPCOR's Upstream Service Provider for direct purchase volume.

Eligibility

All customers who must, or elect to, purchase gas directly from a supplier other than EPCOR. These customers must enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR either directly or through their agent, for delivery of gas to EPCOR at a receipt point listed on the upstream transportation contract that EPCOR has with the Upstream Service Provider ("**Ontario Delivery Point**").

Rate

All charges in the customer's appropriate Rate Schedule excluding Gas Supply Charge shall apply. Applicable Transportation and Storage charges are determined based on the Ontario Delivery Point.

In addition, administration fees apply to customers who elect to enter into a T-Service Receipt Contract with EPCOR and are detailed in the Direct Purchase Contract with the customer or its agent.

For gas delivered to EPCOR at any point other than the Ontario Delivery Point, EPCOR will charge the customer or their agent all approved tolls and charges incurred by EPCOR to transport the gas to the Ontario Delivery Point.

Unaccounted for Gas:

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas (UFG) is applied to all volumes of gas supplied:

Forecasted Unaccounted for Gas Percentage	0.00 %
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Gas Supply:

Unless otherwise authorized by EPCOR, customers who are delivering gas to EPCOR under direct purchase arrangements must deliver firm gas at a daily volume acceptable to EPCOR, to an Ontario Delivery Point, and, where applicable, must acquire and maintain firm transportation on all pipeline systems upstream of Ontario.

The customer or its agent must deliver to EPCOR on a daily basis, at the Ontario Delivery Point, the volume of gas to be delivered to the customer's Terminal Location plus the Forecasted UFG rate and Fuel Ratio. Where the Forecasted UFG rate is as set out in this Rate Schedule, and the Fuel Ratio is the Shipper Supplied Fuel rates of the Ontario Delivery Point related to necessary compressor or other fuel requirements of the Upstream Service Provider.

The Gas Supply calculation shall equal:

$[(\text{Daily volume of gas to be delivered}) * (1 + \text{Forecasted UFG}) * (1 + \text{Fuel Ratio})]$

Terms and Conditions of Service

The provisions in the "T-Service Receipt Contract General Terms and Conditions" apply, as contemplated therein, to service under this Rate Schedule.

Effective: January 1, 2024

Implementation: All bills rendered on or after January 1, 2024

EB-2023-0161

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Schedule of Miscellaneous and Service Charges

A		B
Service		Fee
1	Service Work	
2	During normal working hours	
3	Minimum charge (up to 60 minutes)	\$100.00
4	Each additional hour (or part thereof)	\$100.00
5	Outside normal working hours	
6	Minimum charge (up to 60 minutes)	\$130.00
7	Each additional hour (or part thereof)	\$105.00
8		
9	Miscellaneous Charges	
10	Returned Cheque / Payment	\$20.00
11	Replies to a request for account information	\$25.00
12	Bill Reprint / Statement Print Requests	\$20.00
13	Consumption Summary Requests	\$20.00
14	Customer Transfer / Connection Charge	\$35.00
15		
16	Reconnection Charge	\$85.00
17		
18	Inactive Account Charge	ENGLP's cost to install service
19		
20	Late Payment Charge	1.5% / month, 19.56% / year (effective rate of 0.04896% compounded daily)
21		
22		
23	Meter Tested at Customer Request Found to be Accurate	Charge based on actual costs
24	Installation of Service Lateral ⁽³⁾	No charge for the first 30 meters

Note: Applicable taxes will be added to the above charges

³ No Charge for initial connection

Appendix C - Proposed Customer Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR NATURAL GAS BILL

The rates EPCOR Natural Gas LP (EPCOR) charges its customers are set out in EPCOR's Rate Schedules, which are approved by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) from time to time.

When EPCOR's Rate Schedules are amended by the OEB, the amended rate(s) and/or term(s) will apply to customers on the effective date established by the OEB.

On **XXX**, 2023, the OEB approved EPCOR's gas distribution rates effective January 1, 2024. For a typical residential customer who consumes about 2,100 cubic meters of gas annually, the rate change will increase the bill by \$0.08 per month. Commercial, industrial and seasonal rate customers will also be impacted by the change. Please refer to epcor.com or visit OEB.ca for information on the current approved rates.

The approved rates are reflected in the following line items on your EPCOR natural gas bill:

1. **"Monthly Charge"** – This is an administration charge covering the costs of maintaining gas services and providing billing and customer service. Included in this charge, is the \$1 per month required to be billed to all customers as part of the Access to Natural Gas Act (Bill 32), which helps to facilitate the expansion of natural gas into more Ontario communities.
2. **"Delivery and Upstream Charges"** – These charges reflect the costs associated with the distribution, transportation and storage of natural gas from the source to you. This includes all charges EPCOR pays to its upstream service provider in association with transportation and storage of the gas before it is delivered to EPCOR's system. Included in this charge is a rate rider to recover revenue the utility was not able to collect as a result of delays in connecting customers to the system.
3. **"Gas Supply Charge"** – These are gas commodity costs calculated using the cost of gas you use during the period between meter readings (or based on an estimate of the gas used during that period). The commodity rate you are charged on your EPCOR bill depends upon the commodity purchase choice you have made. If you have not signed a contract with an energy retailer you are automatically billed at EPCOR's OEB approved gas commodity rate. If you have signed a contract with an energy retailer you are billed at your contracted energy retailer rate.
4. **"Federal Carbon Charge"** – This charge reflects your monthly consumption and the associated costs to deliver natural gas to your home at the rate set by the government. The money collected from this charge goes to the federal government as part of its carbon pollution pricing program.

When applicable, miscellaneous and/or service charges as set out in EPCOR's Rate Schedules, may appear on your bill in addition to the above charges. Please see the EPCOR's Conditions of Services for more detail on these charges.

Your natural gas bill includes information on the amount of natural gas you consumed in the billing period. Your consumption information is broken out to include length of the billing period, the date of your last meter reading and whether your consumption calculation was based on actual or estimated meter reading or a combination of both.

If you have any questions about the rates or any other items on your bill, please call our office at 1-888-765-2256 or email at gas@epcor.com.

Appendix D - Auditor's Report



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Agreed-Upon Procedures Report

To the Management of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership:

Purpose of this Agreed-Upon Procedures Report

Our report is solely for the purpose of assisting EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (the “Entity”) in assessing the deferral accounts of the Southern Bruce operations in the CIACVA, ECVA, MTVA, ORDA and COVID Deferral Account to comply with the requirements of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and may not be suitable for another purpose.

Management’s Responsibilities

Management has acknowledged that the agreed-upon procedures are appropriate for the purpose of the engagement. Management is responsible for the subject matter on which the agreed-upon procedures are performed.

Practitioner's Responsibilities

We have conducted the agreed-upon procedures engagement in accordance with the Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4400, Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements. An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves our performing the procedures that have been agreed with the Entity, and reporting the findings, which are the factual results of the agreed-upon procedures performed. We make no representation regarding the appropriateness of the agreed-upon procedures.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement is not an assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or an assurance conclusion.

Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported.

Professional Ethics

We have complied with the relevant ethical and independence requirements set out in rules of professional conduct / code of ethics in Canada.

Procedures and Findings

We have performed the procedures described in Appendix A, on the deferral accounts as at December 31, 2022, which were agreed upon with the Entity. As a result of performing these procedures, we found no exceptions.

BDO Canada LLP

Barrie, Canada
June 28, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants



APPENDIX A

1. We obtained the schedule of deferral activity for CIACVA, ORDA, ECVA and MTVA from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and recalculated the schedules to ensure their mathematical accuracy.
2. For CIACVA, we obtained the back-up calculations spreadsheet for both the CIAC revenue requirement based on the amount paid and based on the filing for the 2022 opening and ending balances. In the calculations spreadsheet, we confirmed there were no capital expenditures during 2022.
3. For the ECVA, we agreed the Actual Energy Content to the unit of measure conversion information effective April 1, 2022 for South and the Benchmark Energy Content to Ontario Energy Board's Exhibit 9 Contents. We also agreed the delivery charges for 2022 to the financial model supporting the EB 2018-0264 application (EPCOR 2019 Financial Model Protected_20190412) and the sum of total delivery charges to the cumulative 10 year data from the rate application (EB 2018-0264).
4. For MTVA, we obtained the annual billed distribution revenue summary and distribution revenue per CIP and vouched samples throughout the year among the billed distribution revenue and property taxes. We also vouched the municipal taxes paid in the year and agreed the monthly interest rate charged on deferral balances to the prescribed OEB interest rates.
5. For ORDA, we obtained the monthly other revenue by charge type for 2022. We verified the revenue totals to the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 and agreed a sample of charges to copies of customer bills. We agreed the monthly interest rate charged on deferral balances to the prescribed OEB interest rates.
6. For COVID, we obtained the monthly charge breakdown and verified the totals to the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. We verified a sample of charges to source documentation and agreed the monthly interest rate charged on deferral balances to the prescribed OEB interest rates.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership
Southern Bruce Deferral
Contribution In Aid of Construction variance account

	2022 January	2022 February	2022 March	2022 April	2022 May	2022 June	2022 July	2022 August	2022 September	2022 October	2022 November	2022 December	2023 Year
CIAC revenue requirement based on amount paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	702,675	-
CIAC revenue requirement per filing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	392,735	-
Difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	309,940	-
Cumulative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	309,940	309,940

Opening Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,660
Interest calculation on disposal balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,660
Closing Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,660

OEB Prescribed Interest Rate	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	4.73%
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	2021 January	2021 February	2021 March	2021 April	2021 May	2021 June	2021 July	2021 August	2021 September	2021 October	2021 November	2021 December	2022 Year
CIAC revenue requirement based on amount paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	704,053	-
CIAC revenue requirement per filing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	399,485	-
Difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	304,568	-
Cumulative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	304,568	304,568 (2)

Opening Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,561 (2)
Interest calculation on disposal balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,561
Closing Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,561

OEB Prescribed Interest Rate	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	1.50%
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	2020 January	2020 February	2020 March	2020 April	2020 May	2020 June	2020 July	2020 August	2020 September	2020 October	2020 November	2020 December	2021 Year
CIAC revenue requirement based on amount paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	511,168	-
CIAC revenue requirement per filing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	406,235	-
Difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104,933	-
Cumulative	(43,424)	(43,424)	(43,424)	(43,424)	(43,424)	(43,424)	(43,424)	(43,424)	(43,424)	(43,424)	(43,424)	61,509	61,509 (1)

Opening Interest	-	-	(79)	(158)	(237)	(316)	(394)	(415)	(436)	(456)	(477)	(498)	(518)
Interest calculation on disposal balance	-	(79)	(79)	(79)	(79)	(79)	(21)	(21)	(21)	(21)	(21)	(21)	351
Closing Interest	-	(79)	(158)	(237)	(316)	(394)	(415)	(436)	(456)	(477)	(498)	(518)	(168) (1)

OEB Prescribed Interest Rate	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%
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	2019 January	2019 February	2019 March	2019 April	2019 May	2019 June	2019 July	2019 August	2019 September	2019 October	2019 November	2019 December
CIAC revenue requirement based on amount paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161,381
CIAC revenue requirement per filing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	204,805
Difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(43,424)
Cumulative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(43,424)

Opening Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest calculation on disposal balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

OEB Prescribed Interest Rate	2.45%	2.45%	2.45%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%
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(1) - Variance balances approved for disposition in EB-2020-0234

(2) - Variance balances approved for disposition in EB-2022-0184

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership
Southern Bruce Deferral
Energy Content variance account

Annual CIP Rev R1, 6, 11 (K)	3,318,774	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2023
Actual Energy Content (L)	39.12	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year
Benchmark Energy Content (M)	38.89													
Difference (K * ((L - M)/L))		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,512	-
Cumulative		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,512	19,512
Opening Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest calculation on disposal balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	923
Closing Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	923
OEB Prescribed Interest Rate		0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	4.73%
Annual CIP Rev R1, 6, 11 (H)	2,444,588	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022
Actual Energy Content (I)	39.32	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year
Benchmark Energy Content (J)	38.89													
Difference (H * ((I - J)/I))		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,734	-
Cumulative		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,734	26,734 (2)
Opening Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest calculation on disposal balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400
Closing Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400 (2)
OEB Prescribed Interest Rate		0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	1.50%
Annual CIP Rev R1, 6, 11 (E)	1,333,805	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2021
Actual Energy Content (F)	39.28	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year
Benchmark Energy Content (G)	38.89													
Difference (E * ((F - G)/F))		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,243	-
Cumulative		864	864	864	864	864	864	864	864	864	864	864	14,107	14,107 (1)
Opening Interest		-	2	3	5	6	8	9	10	10	11	11	11	12
Interest calculation on disposal balance		2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Closing Interest		2	3	5	6	8	9	10	10	11	11	11	12	92 (1)
OEB Prescribed Interest Rate		2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%
Annual CIP Rev R1, 6, 11 (A)	374,194	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	
Actual Energy Content (B)	38.98	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Benchmark Energy Content (C)	38.89													
Difference (A * ((B - C)/B))		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	864	
Cumulative		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	864	
Opening Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest calculation on disposal balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Closing Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OEB Prescribed Interest Rate		2.45%	2.45%	2.45%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	

(1) - Variance balances approved for disposition in EB-2020-0234

(2) - Variance balances approved for disposition in EB-2022-0184

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership
Southern Bruce Deferral
Municipal Tax variance account

	2022 January	2022 February	2022 March	2022 April	2022 May	2022 June	2022 July	2022 August	2022 September	2022 October	2022 November	2022 December	2023 Year
Billed Distribution revenue												3,469,603	
Distribution Revenue per CIP												5,818,265	
Municipal taxes per CIP												565,324	
Ratio												9.7%	
Property taxes collected through revenues												337,120	
Property taxes paid	-	106	260	-	-	-	-	439	30	-	-	-	-
Difference	-	106	260	-	-	-	-	439	30	-	-	(337,120)	-
Cumulative	-	106	366	366	366	366	366	805	835	835	835	(336,285)	(336,285)
Opening Interest	-	-	-	0	0	1	1	2	2	4	6	9	12
Interest calculation on disposal balance	-	-	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	3	(15,906)
Closing Interest	-	-	0	0	1	1	2	2	4	6	9	12	(15,894)
OEB Prescribed Interest Rate	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	4.73%

	2021 January	2021 February	2021 March	2021 April	2021 May	2021 June	2021 July	2021 August	2021 September	2021 October	2021 November	2021 December	2022 Year
Billed Distribution revenue												1,897,887	
Distribution Revenue per CIP												4,620,572	
Municipal taxes per CIP												546,701	
Ratio												11.8%	
Property taxes collected through revenues												224,556	
Property taxes paid								525				-	-
Difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	525	-	-	-	(224,556)	-
Cumulative	(56,915)	(56,915)	(56,915)	(56,915)	(56,915)	(56,915)	(56,915)	(56,390)	(56,390)	(56,390)	(56,390)	(280,946)	(280,946) (1)
Opening Interest	-	(27)	(54)	(81)	(108)	(135)	(162)	(189)	(216)	(243)	(270)	(297)	(323)
Interest calculation on disposal balance	(27)	(27)	(27)	(27)	(27)	(27)	(27)	(27)	(27)	(27)	(27)	(27)	(4,207)
Closing Interest	(27)	(54)	(81)	(108)	(135)	(162)	(189)	(216)	(243)	(270)	(297)	(323)	(4,531) (1)
OEB Prescribed Interest Rate	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	1.50%

	2020 January	2020 February	2020 March	2020 April	2020 May	2020 June	2020 July	2020 August	2020 September	2020 October	2020 November	2020 December	
Billed Distribution revenue												460,454	
Distribution Revenue per CIP												3,049,735	
Municipal taxes per CIP												376,964	
Ratio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.4%	
Property taxes collected through revenues												56,915	
Property taxes paid												0.0%	
Difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(56,915)	
Cumulative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(56,915)	
Opening Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest calculation on disposal balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Closing Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OEB Prescribed Interest Rate	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	

	2019 January	2019 February	2019 March	2019 April	2019 May	2019 June	2019 July	2019 August	2019 September	2019 October	2019 November	2019 December	
Billed Distribution revenue												0	
Distribution Revenue per CIP												589,357	
Municipal taxes per CIP												213,867	
Ratio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36.3%	
Property taxes collected through revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Property taxes paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cumulative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Opening Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest calculation on disposal balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Closing Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OEB Prescribed Interest Rate	2.45%	2.45%	2.45%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	2.18%	

(1) - Variance balances approved for disposition in EB-2022-0184

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership
Southern Bruce Deferral
Other Revenues Deferral Account

	2022 January	2022 February	2022 March	2022 April	2022 May	2022 June	2022 July	2022 August	2022 September	2022 October	2022 November	2022 December	2023 Year
4505 - Late Payment Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,036)	1	(473)	(247)	(1,048)	
4506 - Penalty Fees	(217)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4511 - Collection & NSF Fees	(48)	-	(192)	48	(96)	(48)	(96)	(60)	(60)	(60)	(20)	(40)	
4515 - Connection Fees	(140)	(245)	(210)	(210)	(315)	(490)	(315)	-	(280)	(35)	(770)	-	
4592 - Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	(963)	(245)	(35,747)	(455)	(49,075)	84,165	
Total	(405)	(245)	(402)	(162)	(411)	(538)	(1,374)	(1,341)	(36,086)	(1,023)	(50,112)	83,077	
Cumulative	(405)	(650)	(1,052)	(1,214)	(1,625)	(2,163)	(3,537)	(4,878)	(40,964)	(41,986)	(92,098)	(9,021)	(9,021)
Opening Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest calculation on disposal balance	-	(0)	(0)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(4)	(6)	(9)	(132)	(135)	(297)	(427)
Closing Interest	-	(0)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(4)	(8)	(14)	(23)	(155)	(291)	(588)	(1,014)
OEB Prescribed Interest Rate	0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	4.73%

OEB Prescribed Interest Rate

2022 January	2022 February	2022 March	2022 April	2022 May	2022 June	2022 July	2022 August	2022 September	2022 October	2022 November	2022 December	2023 Year
					120,934	97,532						
			10,878	103,663	106,698	101,461	41,400 90,261	39,853	60,633			
-	-	-	10,878	103,663	227,632	198,993	131,661	39,853	60,633	-	-	
2,592,257	2,592,257	2,592,257	2,603,135	2,706,798	2,934,430	3,133,423	3,265,084	3,304,937	3,365,570	3,365,570	3,365,570	3,365,570
1,231	1,231	1,231	2,203	2,213	2,301	5,380	5,745	5,986	10,658	10,854	10,854	159,191
16,029	17,261	18,492	20,695	22,908	25,209	30,589	36,333	42,319	52,978	63,832	74,686	233,877
0.57%	0.57%	0.57%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	3.87%	3.87%	3.87%	4.73%

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			85	326	330		7,675	-			
					22,283	(566)					
			4,184	19,470	78,573	89,474	98,121	89,545	62,882	46,478	48,100
									735,294	367,647	367,647
-	-	-	4,269	19,795	101,186	88,908	105,796	89,545	798,176	414,125	415,747
-	-	-	4,269	24,065	125,251	214,159	319,954	409,500	1,207,676	1,621,801	2,037,548
-	-	-	-	8	44	59	102	152	195	574	770
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RE: Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy

Greetings,

Further to my letter dated May 29th, I am writing to inform you that after reviewing and considering the feedback received in response to the ministry's proposal (ERO # [019-6767](#)), a decision has been made to move forward with the expanded list of changes that can be made to existing pit or quarry site plans in Ontario without ministry approval (provided specific conditions and eligibility criteria are met).

These changes will add five additional activities to the existing list of routine site plan amendments that may be self-filed by authorized pit and quarry operators in Ontario. It's important to note that only those site plan amendments which satisfy all conditions and criteria set out in the updated regulation are eligible for submission under the self-filing process. All other amendments will continue to be subject to review and authorization by the ministry under the formal amendment process.

For complete details of these changes please refer to amended section 7.2 of [Ontario Regulation 244/97](#).

In addition to these changes, we have made administrative updates to the Technical Reports and Information Standards document, as well as the Amendment Without Approval and Objection forms. You can access the latest versions of these documents through our website, at ontario.ca/aggregates.

No decision has been made yet with respect to the proposed amendments policy that was consulted on as part of the same proposal. The ministry continues to review and consider the feedback received in response to the proposed policy and will communicate the outcome once a decision has been reached, including a decision notice on Environmental Registry.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about these changes or should you require a French version of this letter, please contact us by email at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Keyes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Keyes,
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234-2023-4205

August 22, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

Subject: Building Faster Fund

The housing supply crisis affects all of Ontario – from rural communities to large, urban centres. Our government is committed to building at least 1.5 million homes by 2031, with municipalities across the province as our key partners.

On August 21, 2023, Premier Ford announced the new Building Faster Fund, a new three-year-\$1.2 billion program to help municipalities meet or exceed their share of the province's 1.5 million homes goal.

As announced by Premier Ford, 10% of the overall funding will be set aside for small, rural and northern communities that have not been assigned a housing target by the province, in order to address their unique needs in supporting growth in housing supply.

Ontario will be consulting with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team on program design details of the Building Faster Fund, including how the funds can best support small, rural and northern communities, and I look forward to sharing more information with you in the future. As Ontario grows, we need to build more homes. I look forward to your support in ensuring that everyone – newcomers, young families and seniors – can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Clark, written in a cursive style.

Steve Clark
Minister

c: Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing
Ryan Amato, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
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August 11, 2023

Climate Emergency Unit
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Dear Erin Blondeau, Director of Communications

Re: Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Severn received correspondence respecting the Just Transition Transfer (JTT) at their recent August 9th, 2023 Council meeting.

Following discussion Motion C2023-042 was passed:

Moved by Councillor - Ward 3 Phil Brennan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Judith Cox

WHEREAS Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are slowly starting to trend downward, but the reduction trajectory remains incongruent with what science and justice demands;

WHEREAS Canada must spend what it takes to confront the climate emergency, and there is an urgent need for Canada to spend more on climate infrastructure that would drive down GHGs and hasten the transition off fossil fuels;

WHEREAS Canada needs to make an audacious and hopeful offer to those workers and communities whose employment and economic security is currently tied to the fossil fuel industry (and to a lesser extent the auto, steel, concrete, and agriculture industries, etc., all of which face substantial transition challenges), and to Indigenous communities on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction;

WHEREAS the federal government has introduced a *Sustainable Jobs Act*, but this Act needs to be paired with and backed-up by a substantial investment in the jobs of the future;

WHEREAS much of the climate infrastructure needed will come under provincial, municipal and Indigenous jurisdiction (renewable energy, grid upgrades, public transit, zero-emission housing, etc.), and training comes under provincial jurisdiction, but it is the federal government that has the greatest capacity to pay;

WHEREAS a new federal Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT) specifically linked to funding climate infrastructure projects that would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, along with training and apprenticeships programs for workers and those leaving the oil and gas industry -- would be a transformative program that signals that Canada is indeed entering emergency mode;

WHEREAS the JTT would be an annual transfer of approximately \$25 billion from the federal government to provincial/territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, purpose-built to meet the climate emergency imperative to decarbonize our society, ensuring communities can fund the infrastructure and training needed to transition off fossil fuels, while creating thousands of sustainable jobs in a way that is specific to their needs and locale;

WHEREAS the JTT's distribution would be based on a formula linked to recent GHG emissions in each province (but fixed from that point onward, so as not to perversely incentivize continued high GHGs), recognizing that some jurisdictions face a more challenging task to transition their local economies;

WHEREAS the JTT would transfer federal funds to newly established just transition agencies in each province and territory -- jointly governed by the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, municipal governments, and local Indigenous nations -- and in some case directly to Indigenous nations, ensuring the transfer money is not simply absorbed into provincial or municipal budgets or used to displace other infrastructure or

training funds, but rather, ensuring the money is used for its intended purpose, and that funds are allocated in a manner sensitive to local climate action plans, the unique GHG profiles of each region, and to local labour market/training needs;

WHEREAS a JTT could provide significant, stable, multi-year funding for the climate infrastructure and training/employment needs of municipalities, Indigenous communities, energy utilities, public transit authorities and public housing authorities;

WHEREAS the federal government is welcome to title such a new transfer as they see fit (e.g. a Sustainable Jobs Transfer or a Climate Infrastructure Transfer);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Severn formally endorses the call for a new Just Transition Transfer; and

THAT the Township of Severn urges the federal government to establish a new Just Transition Transfer, starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; and will write to the federal ministers concerned expressing this support;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities.

Carried

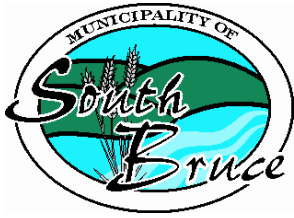
Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (705) 325-2315 x 232 or by email at agray@severn.ca

Regards,

Alison Gray

Alison Gray, BAH, CMO, AOMC
Clerk

Cc Ontario Municipalities



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NOTICE OF DECISION CONCERNING A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 28 OF THE PLANNING ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce passed By-law 2023-71 on August 22, 2023, being a By-law to Designate Community Improvement Project (CIP) Areas in the Municipality of South Bruce.

The Community Improvement Plan (CIP) applies to all lands within the Municipality of South Bruce.

A copy of the By-law and Schedule is enclosed. Written and oral submissions were considered by Municipality of South Bruce Council as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

The Purpose of the updated CIP is to adopt a program that will allow for additional opportunities that encourage the redevelopment, revitalization and improvement of private lands throughout the entire municipality by offering a variety of financial incentives. The updated CIP will replace the previously developed CIP, will apply to both settlement and rural areas of the municipality, and will allow for increased access by businesses and property owners in South Bruce to municipal funding opportunities and Bruce County's Spruce the Bruce Program.

Additional information regarding the Community Improvement Plan is available for inspection from Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the South Bruce Municipal Office at 21 Gordon St E, Teeswater, ON N0G 2S0, on the municipal website at www.southbruce.ca or by emailing the Economic Development Officer, Candace Hamm at chamm@southbruce.ca.

Appeal Rights: Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the approval authority to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the By-law was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Anyone wishing to appeal the decision is required to submit a Notice of Appeal (available at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/>) setting out the reasons for the appeal and the specific part of the proposed Community Improvement Project Area to which the appeal applies, as well as the prescribed appeal fee required by the Tribunal.

The last date for Appeal of this Decision is September 12, 2023.

Appeals are to be filed with the Approval Authority:

Municipality of South Bruce
c/o Leanne Martin, CAO/Clerk
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Dated this 23rd day of August, 2023

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH BRUCE BY-LAW #2023-71

BEING A BY-LAW to Amend By-law #2013-47 and Designate Community Improvement Project (CIP) Areas in the Corporation of the Municipality of South Bruce

**The Council of the Municipality of South Bruce, Pursuant to Section 28 of the
*Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Enacts As Follows:***

WHEREAS Section 28(2) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, authorizes the Council of a local municipality to designate by By-law the whole or any part of an area covered by an official plan as a community improvement project area;

AND WHEREAS by By-law No. 2013-47, passed on July 9, 2013, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Bruce designated the Community Improvement Project Area(s) of the Municipality and amended the Official Plan for the Formosa, Mildmay and Teeswater Settlement Areas, being Amendment No. 09;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce desires to amend the designated Community Improvement Project Area;

AND WHEREAS the said amendment to the Community Improvement Project Area conforms to the Municipality of South Bruce's Official Plan for the Formosa, Mildmay and Teeswater Settlement Areas.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce ENACTS as follows:

1. That the Municipality of South Bruce Community Improvement Project Area, attached hereto in Schedule 'A' and forming part of this By-law, is hereby adopted.
2. That this By-law amends By-law No. 2013-47.
3. That this By-law may be cited as the "Designate CIP Areas By-law".
4. And that this By-law shall take effect with final passing and comes into force and effect pursuant to the provisions of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, as amended and subject to Amendment No.09 to the Municipality of South Bruce Official Plan being in force and effect pursuant to the provisions of the *Planning Act R.S.O. 1990*, as amended.

**That this By-Law be ENACTED, SIGNED AND SEALED this 22nd day of August,
2023.**


Mark Goetz, Mayor


Leanne Martin, CAO/Clerk

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Schedule A
Municipality of South Bruce
Community Improvement Plan
Project Area (CIPA)

Municipality for Brockton

Walkerton

Carlsruhe

Formosa

Mildmay

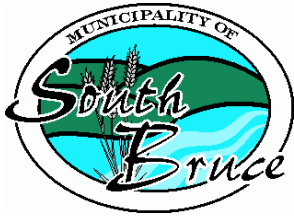
Teeswater

Belmore

GREY COUNTY

HURON COUNTY

-  Priority Area
-  Community/
Hamlet



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The Community Improvement Plan (CIP) applies to all lands within the Municipality of South Bruce.

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The Purpose of the updated CIP is to adopt a program that will allow for additional opportunities that encourage the redevelopment, revitalization and improvement of private lands throughout the entire municipality by offering a variety of financial incentives. The updated CIP will replace the previously developed CIP, will apply to both settlement and rural areas of the municipality, and will allow for increased access by businesses and property owners in South Bruce to municipal funding opportunities and Bruce County's Spruce the Bruce Program.

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No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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The last date for Appeal of this Decision is September 12, 2023.

Appeals are to be filed with the Approval Authority:

Municipality of South Bruce
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Dated this 23rd day of August, 2023

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH BRUCE BY-LAW #2023-72

BEING A BY-LAW to Adopt a Community Improvement Plan for the Corporation of the Municipality of South Bruce

THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH BRUCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 28 OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990 ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS Section 28(4) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, authorizes the Council of a local municipality to adopt a community improvement plan for a community improvement project area;

AND WHEREAS by By-law No. 2023-71, passed on August 22, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Bruce designated the Community Improvement Project Area(s) of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS a Community Improvement Plan attached hereto as Schedule 'A' has been prepared for that Community Improvement Project Area;

AND WHEREAS the said Community Improvement Plan conforms to the Municipality of South Bruce Official Plan for the Formosa, Mildmay and Teeswater Settlement Areas;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce ENACTS as follows:

1. That the Community Improvement Plan for the Municipality of South Bruce Community Improvement Project Area, contained in Schedule 'A' to this By-law, a copy of which is attached to and forms part of this By-law, is hereby adopted.
2. That this By-law rescinds By-law #2013-60 and By-law #2020-66
3. That this By-law may be cited as the "Municipality of South Bruce Community Improvement Plan (CIP) By-law".
4. And that this By-law shall take effect with final passing and comes into force and effect pursuant to the provisions of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended and subject to Amendment No.09 to the Municipality of South Bruce Official Plan being in force and effect pursuant to the provisions of the *Planning Act* R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

That this By-Law be ENACTED, SIGNED AND SEALED this 22nd day of August, 2023.


Mark Goetz, Mayor


Leanne Martin, CAO/Clerk

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Community Improvement Plan 2023

Adopted by Municipality of South Bruce Council on August 22, 2023



Community Improvement Plan Policy

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

The Municipality of South Bruce is known as the gateway to Bruce County. It is home to 5,880 residents ([StatCan, 2021](#)) spread among the villages of Teeswater, Mildmay, and Formosa and with the vast rural areas. The five key sectors that drive the economy are agriculture, food and beverage manufacturing, tourism and hospitality, aggregate, and wood product manufacturing.

South Bruce's Official Plan states that the goal of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is "to improve facilities and infrastructure in the municipality's urban areas that contributes to community health, environmental, social and economic priorities and needs of the community."

In 2013, the Municipality of South Bruce approved its first Community Improvement Plan (By-law 2013-60) that included areas in the villages of Teeswater and Mildmay. In 2020, the municipality amended the policy with the addition of new incentives and adjustments of the area boundaries to include areas in Formosa. This document will replace that previously developed CIP. This Community Improvement Plan enables additional opportunities that encourage the revitalization of existing buildings and redevelopment of properties within the municipality through a variety of financial incentives.

In 2022 Bruce County Council expanded incentive offerings available through Spruce the Bruce, the county's community development incentive program. To gain full access to these grants the municipality took the opportunity to redevelop this policy to be more in line with existing municipal goals and county priorities.

1.2. Purpose

The purpose of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is to adopt a program of financial incentives that encourage the redevelopment and improvement of private lands throughout the Municipality of South Bruce. These redevelopments and improvements aim to enhance the character of the municipality.

The purpose of financial incentives is to assist businesses and property owners in the redevelopment and improvement of their properties. In turn, projects supported under the CIP will contribute towards municipal goals defined in this policy and others.

The CIP applies to both settlement and rural areas of the municipality. Specific financial incentives are developed to target the different needs of each of these areas. This CIP will allow for increased businesses and property owners in South Bruce to participate in Bruce County's Spruce the Bruce Program.

The municipality can provide financial incentives within the defined Community Improvement Project

Areas (CIPAs). It enables both the municipality and Bruce County to participate in or implement financial incentives that can support future development and investments.

The financial incentives offered within the CIPAs are at the discretion of the Municipality of South Bruce and Bruce County and are dependent upon budget considerations.

1.3. Methodology

Defining the goals of the community created the strong foundation for this Community Improvement Plan (CIP) policy. The policy was created following a review of existing guidelines, planning documents, current incentive programs, and consultation process. This consultation process involved staff of the Municipality of South Bruce, and identified and defined key areas to ensure the policy supports future growth across the entire municipality.

1.3.1. Guiding Documents

Local plans, reports, and studies were reviewed when building the foundation of this modernized Community Improvement Plan. Key guiding documents are summarized below.

1.3.1.1. The Municipality of South Bruce Corporate Strategic Plan 2021-2025

The Municipality South Bruce’s mission is “to provide appropriate and efficient services and programs to residents and businesses of the municipality that will enhance quality of life and provide a safe, inclusive, and desirable environment to work and raise families.”

The strategic plan establishes five goals for the municipality. These include two foundational goals and three strategic goals.



1.3.1.2. The Municipality of South Bruce Economic Development Strategic Update (2021)

The Economic Development Strategic Update builds on the corporate strategy and provide direction to creating an environment that supports investments and economic growth. The update highlights three strategic objectives, nine priorities, and 23 actions. The more specific objectives and actions that

directly relate to the modernization of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) include:

- Priority 1B: Increase flexibility of policies and tactics.
 - Action 7: Adapt CIP incentives to assist farmers and businesses to add value, diversify the economy, create jobs, grow entrepreneurship, and encourage infilling in villages.
- Priority 3B: Double-down on support for village revitalization.
 - Action 18: Enhance business incentives and policies to attract the cleantech supply chain, homebuilders, small businesses, entrepreneurs, and investors to South Bruce villages.

1.3.1.3. Bruce County's Spruce the Bruce Program (2022)

Bruce County's Spruce the Bruce program offers financial incentives to eligible applications within a community's CIP. These grants are enabled through municipal policies and offer improvements to designated downtown areas. The grants make designated downtown areas more attractive, distinctive, and pedestrian friendly. In 2022, the program was enhanced to target additional industries and regional needs. Grant offerings extend past the downtown cores but are still within a designated community improvement project area (CIPAs). The additional grants support the revitalization of agriculture and tourism sectors and support redevelopment relating to business accessibility and nurturing mixed-use development.

2. Legislation

2.1. Ontario Municipal Act (2001)

Municipal activities are governed by The Municipal Act (2001), which is the principal statute that governs the administration of municipalities and sets out municipal powers. While the act provides opportunity to provide tax reductions related to heritage, municipal, or education purposed properties, it generally prohibits municipalities from providing incentives or bonuses to commercial enterprises. However, exceptions are provided where a municipality participates in a Community Improvement Plan (CIP), as part of Section 28 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

2.2. Ontario Planning Act (1990)

Section 28 of Ontario's Planning Act allows municipalities to prepare Community Improvement Plan (CIPs) to establish a framework for supporting and implementing programs to encourage development and redevelopment, in accordance with official plan policies. Whether the reasons are physical, social, economic, or environmental, a community improvement approach is a flexible, comprehensive, co-ordinated, and strategic framework for dealing with lands and buildings. For the purposes of carrying out a CIP, a municipality may engage in the following activities within the community improvement

project area (CIPA):

- a. Acquire, hold, clear, grade or otherwise prepare land for community improvement (Section 28(3)).
- b. Construct, repair, rehabilitate or improve buildings on land acquired or held by it in the CIP project area in conformity with the CIP (Section 28(6)).
- c. Sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any land and buildings acquired or held by it in the CIPA in conformity with the CIP (Section 28(6)).
- d. Make grants or loans to registered owners, assessed owners and tenants of lands and buildings within the CIPA, and to any person to whom such an owner or tenant has assigned the right to receive a grant or loan, to pay for the whole, or any part of the cost of rehabilitating such lands and buildings in conformity with the CIP (Section 28(7)).
- e. Eligible costs can be related to environmental site assessment, environmental remediation, development, redevelopment, construction and reconstruction of lands and buildings for rehabilitation purposes, or for the provisions of energy efficient uses, buildings structures, works, improvements, or facilities (Section 28(7.1)).
- f. The council of an upper-tier municipality may make grants or loans to the council of a lower-tier municipality and the council of a lower-tier municipality may make grants or loans to the council of the upper-tier municipality, for the purpose of carrying out a Community Improvement Plan that has come into effect, on such terms as to security and otherwise as the council considers appropriate, but only if the official plan of the municipality making the grant or loan contains provisions relating to the making of such grants or loans (Section 28(7.2)).

2.3. Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

CIPs help to achieve the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) objectives of healthy communities, a clean and safe environment, and a strong economy. Community improvement is supported through PPS policies for:

- a. Building strong healthy communities.
- b. Promoting efficient development and a mix of land uses.
- c. Ensuring that necessary infrastructure and public service facilities are available.
- d. Improving accessibility.
- e. Conserving heritage resources.
- f. Supporting green design.
- g. Encouraging residential intensification.

2.4. The Official Plan for the Formosa, Mildmay, and Teeswater Settlement Areas (2004)

The Municipality's Official Plan policies under Section 5.7 qualify the municipality to prepare and implement Community Improvement Plan (CIP), and other mechanisms that are governed by Section 28. The official plan allows for any area with the municipality to be subject to a Community Improvement Area and uses the criteria for selecting the proposed areas. The CIP will establish several programs to implement the goals and objectives of official plan community improvement policies.

2.5. County of Bruce Official Plan (2010)

The Bruce County Official Plan provides guidance on local Community Improvement Plan (CIP) areas and programs. It encourages local municipalities to adopt CIPs in accordance with the county and local official plans. Furthermore, Bruce County's Official Plan has identified all areas of the community as having the potential to be identified as a community improvement project area by respective municipalities or by the county.

3. Goals and Objectives

Section 5.7 of The Official Plan for the Formosa, Mildmay, and Teeswater Settlement Areas outlines the goal of the community improvement areas is to improve facilities and infrastructure in the urban areas that contributes to community health, environmental, social, and economic priorities and needs of the community.

More specifically, the CIP has the following objectives:

- a. To improve the physical appearance and economic health of the downtown commercial areas while elevating the status of these areas as destinations and promoting their unique community identity.
- b. To encourage development and redevelopment on private and/or public lands to improve the appearance and functionality of the downtown commercial areas, and recreational areas/facilities of the municipality.
- c. To improve and enhance the recreational facilities/opportunities within the municipality by creating communities that are attractive, pedestrian-friendly, and distinctive.
- d. To ensure a built environment that supports and encourages active transportation while reducing automobile dependency and implement measures that ensure it is accessible to all.
- e. To promote the improvement of energy efficiency and other environmental standards for residential, commercial, industrial, public, recreational, institutional, and other uses within the designated community improvement project areas

Financial incentives outlined in this plan may be offered to tenants or property owners to assist in meeting these goals. Grants available may change from year to year.

4. Project Areas

Section 28(1) of the Planning Act (1990) allows a municipality to define a community improvement project area (CIPA). The Planning Act defines a CIPA as “a municipality or an area within a municipality, the community improvement of which in the opinion of the council is desirable because of age, dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement, unsuitability of buildings or for any other environmental, social or community economic development reason.”

The Official Plan provides a list of criteria for selecting CIPAs. The original project areas covered the downcore cores of Mildmay and Teeswater with Formosa being added in 2020. This CIP now includes an expansion of these previous downtown CIPAs to encompasses the entire municipal boundaries of South Bruce. Formosa, Mildmay, and Teeswater are defined priority project areas and continue to have specific incentives focussed on downtown development, as outlined in this policy.

The municipality shall designate the expanded CIP project area by by-law. The programs authorized in this CIP may be carried out within the community improvement project area (CIPA) as identified in Schedule A.

5. Incentive Programs

5.1. General Eligibility Criteria

To assist private landowners in enhancing their properties or buildings, the following financial incentives are offered to eligible applicants as indicated below, unless identified under [Section 5.3.3.](#), which outlines incentives and eligibility of Bruce County’s Spruce the Bruce Program.

5.1.1. Eligible Applicants

- a. The property in the application must be in a community improvement project area ([Section 4](#)) or identified for specific incentives ([Section 5.3](#)).
- b. Applicants must be the registered owner of the property, assessed owner, or an authorized agent. If a tenant wishes to apply, a letter from the building owner approving the work to be done is required.
- c. General maintenance is not eligible for project incentives. The goal of the program is to encourage new projects that aim to revitalize existing buildings and redevelop properties.
- d. Applicants must comply with all provincial and local laws and regulations pertaining to

licensing, permits, building code, and zoning requirements. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all building and other required permits and must be in conformance with all applicable health and safety standards.

5.1.2. Applications

- a. Complete applications for the specific incentive must be submitted directly to the municipality, except for incentives offered through Spruce the Bruce, which must be submitted directly to Bruce County.
- b. Applications need to be submitted prior to any work commencing and cannot begin until an application is approved, and the agreement is signed.
- c. The municipality has the right to request additional submissions of drawings and/or plans to be included with the application and schedule a pre-application meeting to review the intended improvements and modifications.

5.1.3. Agreements

- a. Any application must be consistent with the official plan, Community Improvement Plan (CIP), and any other guidelines that may be implemented for the Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPAs). Priority will be given to those applications which most closely meet the program guidelines that will be developed with the framework as outlined in this plan.
- b. The applicant shall enter into an agreement with the municipality stipulating at a minimum:
 - Terms of the financial agreement.
 - Total amount of approved funding.
 - Timetable for provision of agreement and completion of the project.
 - An undertaking by the owner to satisfy all municipal and other relevant laws and requirements for the project.

5.1.4. Previous Projects

- a. Financial incentives cannot be retroactive. Any work commenced prior to the project receiving approval from the municipality will be ineligible.
- b. Properties are not eligible for the same incentive program within five years, unless there is a new owner or tenant, or if the project scope is different.

5.1.5. Funding Payouts

- a. Municipal contributions will be issued after the following:

- Project is complete and paperwork has been submitted.
 - Inspected by municipal staff (or the appropriate approval authority).
 - Necessary permits and licences have been issued.
 - Original paid receipts for materials or third parties for the work submitted.
- b. Funding will be payable within the timeframe established for the applicable program or the date of agreement, whichever comes first.
 - c. The applicant cannot be awarded more than 100% of the final invoice, or whatever percentage is indicated for the specific incentive.
 - d. Eligible project costs must be actual cash outlay to third parties acting at arm's length and which can be documented through original invoices or proofs of payment. Applicants will provide a minimum cash contribution to the project as outlined, under [Section 5.3.](#) depending on the type of incentive that is implemented.

5.1.6. Funding Thresholds

- a. The total of any of the financial incentives shall not exceed 100% of the cost of improvements made to properties or lands. This includes a combination of both county and local municipal incentives.
- b. Where the project is expected to result in a substantial increase in the property's value, Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) can be considered in addition to other incentives.
- c. The total combination of funds available to one property must not surpass \$20,000 or 50% of available funding in one budget year. This does not include any monies received from the county.
- d. The minimum value of a grant issued under any program shall be \$500 and the minimum value of a loan shall be \$20,000.

5.1.7. Expiration of Funding

- a. Unless otherwise stated in the agreement, a maximum of one year is allowed for completion of a project after approval. Requests for extensions can be made to the municipality.
- b. No changes to work specified in the agreement are to be made for five years without municipal approval.

5.1.8. Tax Arrears and Other Charges

- a. Applicants must not be in default of any property taxes, local improvement charges, or any other municipal accounts receivable on the subject property at the time of approval or upon

receiving final funding.

- b. Any outstanding orders (building, fire, zoning, etc.) must be satisfied prior to funding approval and upon receiving final funding. Exceptions apply where approval of the entity responsible for the outstanding order.

5.1.9. Transfers of Projects

- a. If there is change in ownership of a property, projects can be transferred, if the new owner is completing the same project on the same property. The existing agreement holder shall advise the municipality of the change to update the agreement. This agreement will need to be signed, with the same conditions, with the new agreement holder.
- b. Approved incentives allocated to a specific property are not transferable to any other property.

5.2. Forms of Incentives

Each year, council or its designated authority will determine which incentive programs are in effect [Section 5.3.](#), in what form the incentive will be provided, and the funding allocation based on the municipal budget. Financial incentives can be provided to properties in the Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) as indicated below or a combination of grants and loans.

5.2.1. Grants

Grants are typically used as a matching program for related costs or fees, excluding taxes, to an eligible project. Awarded grants cover a portion of the capital cost of the improvement to an overall maximum amount. Costs may include necessary professional design fees, material, and labour but will exclude any taxes. Each grant category ([Section 5.3.](#)) will provide details of available funding.

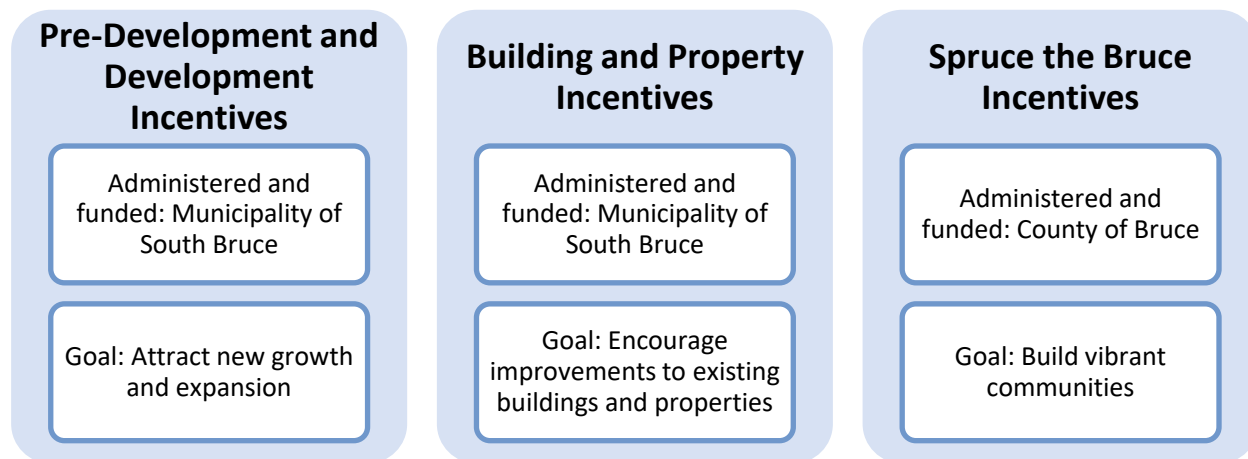
5.2.2. Loans

Where a proposed project satisfies the relevant municipal guidelines, a loan can cover a portion of the eligible improvement costs to a maximum amount. Loans are structured by the municipality based on market conditions and amortized over a set number of years. The municipality has the right to set the interest rates as low as 0% and the agreement will stipulate the repayment schedule. Loans are only available to property owners and are registered as a loan on the property.

5.3. Incentives

Financial incentives offered to property and business owners are grouped into three categories based on their overall objective. Within each category, pre-development and development incentives, building and property incentives, and Spruce the Bruce incentives, multiple programs each with their specific goals and eligibility, are available for use.

Each year, council can endorse which financial incentives, based on categories or individual programs, to implement and the availability of municipal funding. Spruce the Bruce is the expectation, as this is funded and implemented through the County of Bruce.



5.3.1. Development and Predevelopment Incentives

Development and predevelopment incentives are led and funded by the municipality and have an overall goal of attracting new growth and expansion to the municipality-wide Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA). Program applications, approvals, agreements, and distribution of funding are all administered by the municipality. View [Schedule B](#) for a summary chart of all incentives. Where applicable, the following financial incentives can be provided in the following ways:

5.3.1.1. Tax Increment Equivalent Grant Program

Purpose:

The Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) Program is intended to encourage the development and redevelopment of eligible properties by providing tax assistance equal to all or a portion of the property tax increase resulting from new property improvements.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The property must be within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).
- Proposed projects that have resulted in an increase of at least 25% in the assessed property value or be valued at more than \$1,000,000.
- Applications must be filed prior to the start of any activity that would constitute development triggering a re-valuation by MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation).

Financial Incentive:

- An incentive equal of up to 100% of the municipal and/or county tax portion for up to ten years.
- This incentive may be offered on a declining scale, for example: Year one of the program, the grant to the property owner is equal to 100% of the tax increment. Thereafter, the grant decreases by 10% per year (e.g., year two = 90%, year three = 80%, and so on up to year ten).
- Bruce County may participate in this program, related to the county portion of a tax bill, subject to County Council approval.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Adaptive reuse of a property to suit new uses.
- Major additions to a property, involving a significant increase of existing gross floor area.
- Infrastructure work including the improvement or reconstruction of existing on-site public infrastructure as may be required to service a proposed development.
- Façade, signage, and streetscaping improvements required as part of a proposed development.
- Professional services by an engineer, architect, or professional planner.
- Any combination of the above.

5.3.1.2. Municipal Fee Incentive Program

Purpose:

The municipal fee incentive program provides a grant for fees associated with redevelopment, infill, and new development. Any fee included in South Bruce's Fees and Charges By-Law (2022-121 or as amended) is an eligible expense for this program. Bruce County may participate in this program as subject to Bruce County Council approval.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The property or building must be within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).
- This will be a one-time contribution to the applicant to the cost indicated in the current fee structure/by-law.

Financial Incentive:

- An incentive equal up to 50% of applicable municipal fees.
- Can be paid in two installments, 25% upon completion of any permit or application and the

remaining 25% after final inspection or completion of the project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Building or demolition permits.
- Site plan control applications.
- Official plan amendments (including zoning by-law amendments, minor variances, or severances of land).
- Other municipal fees in the current fee structure/ by-law.

5.3.1.3. Predevelopment Study and Design Program

Purpose:

The predevelopment study and design program are to offset the costs associated with preparing the necessary plans, drawings, or designs that outline the extent of the improvements being applied for.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The property or building must be within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).
- Projects must be in line with streetscape, façade, or other design guidelines set by the municipality.

Financial Incentive:

- Municipal matching incentive up to 50% of eligible net costs.
- Can be paid in two installments, 25% upon completion of the study or design and the remaining 25% after final inspection or completion of the project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Preparation of architectural or engineering plans and site plans for building improvements.
- Environmental site assessments.
- Business development related studies and plans such as, but not limited to, feasibility, traffic impact, or market analysis studies.
- Any other studies or designs that meet the goals of the program, as approved by the municipality.

5.3.1.4. Surplus Land Program

Purpose:

The surplus land program is in place to redevelop lands or buildings that are determined surplus to the needs of the local municipality or the county at a reduced or minimal cost for sales, lease, rent, or redevelopment through a request for proposal (RFP) process. The local municipality and county will work together to identify lands that are surplus and to determine the best use for the surplus lands. Bruce County may participate in this program as subject to Bruce County Council approval.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The property or building must be within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).
- Must follow relevant bylaws related to sale and disposition of municipal land.
- Additional eligibility criteria will distinguish the best use based on needs and will be identified in the RFP released by either the municipality or the county.

Financial Incentive:

- Land to be awarded at a reduced cost or possibly at no cost.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- The criteria, examples of projects, and other needs from the local municipality or the county will be included in the RFP.

5.3.2. Building and Property Improvement Incentives

Building and property improvement incentives encourage improvements to existing privately owned buildings and properties within the designated Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPAs).

Program applications, approvals, agreements, and distribution of funding are all administered by the municipality. View [Schedule C](#) for a summary chart of all incentives.

5.3.2.1. Façade Improvement Program

Purpose:

The façade improvement program encourages the rehabilitation, repair, and/or exterior improvements to buildings and street-facing facades by offsetting the project costs for existing privately owned buildings.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.

- The property or building must be in a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- Property must be privately owned and must have a component of non-residential use.

Financial Incentive:

- Incentives of up to 50% of eligible net costs upon completion of approved project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Restoration or redesign to the any street-facing or visible façades of the commercial building.
- Cleaning, exterior painting, masonry, sandblasting, and/or cladding of buildings.
- Restoration, replacement or installation of architectural details or exterior building accessories (e.g., awnings, shutters, trim, doors, windows, lighting, etc.)
- Replacement of windows and doors with energy-efficient and/or accessible alternatives.
- Redesign of storefront or entrance modifications, including accessibility improvements.
- Professional services, fees, and related costs.
- Other improvements that meet the goals of the program, as approved by the municipality.

5.3.2.2. Business Signage Program

Purpose:

This business signage program covers a portion of the project costs for new or existing public facing sign improvements or additions on buildings in the municipality.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The property or building must be within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).
- Property must be privately owned and must have a component of non-residential use.
- Back lit illumination signs are not eligible for funding.
- Signs for entities not located at the subject property are not eligible.
- Must comply with requirements set by the municipal or county by-laws.

Financial Incentive:

- Incentives of up to 50% of eligible net costs upon completion of approved project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Restoration or redesign of signage that is visible from the public realm/right-of-way.

- Perpendicular signage installation/upgrades/replacement.
- Façade signage installation/upgrades/replacement.
- Free standing signage installation/upgrades/replacement
- Cleaning, painting, sandblasting and/or refinishing façade signage.
- Facade illumination for signage.
- Brick and masonry repair to accept signage bracket/fastenings.
- Professional services, fees, and related costs.
- Other improvements that meet the goals of the program, as approved by the municipality.

5.3.2.3. Building Improvement/ Structural Program

Purpose:

The program covers a portion of the costs associated with renovating, restoring, improving, or updating buildings in compliance with the Ontario Building Code standards, Ontario Fire Code, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certifications.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The property or building must be in a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- Property must be privately owned and must have a component of non-residential use.
- Any improvements must meet or exceed the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), Ontario's Building Code, and other government regulations where applicable.

Financial Incentive

- Incentives of up to 50% of eligible net costs upon completion of approved project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Upgrade existing buildings with Ontario Building Code standards.
- Address structural and life safety issues to create usable and efficient floor space.
- Improve property standards or preserve architectural significance.
- Rehabilitate existing apartments or build new apartments that enhance housing options.
- Improvements to barrier-free accessibility such as ramps, power-door operators, elevator

access, lifts, lever door handles, tactile walking strip indicators, and other related devices.

- Construction of new buildings and/or infrastructure that meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification standards.
- Retrofit of existing buildings for energy efficiency such as replacement of doors, windows, insulation, appliances, heating, lighting fixtures, etc.
- Install alternative energy generating sources, such as solar or wind devices or install a green roof.
- Remediate a brownfield site.
- Professional services, fees, and related costs.
- Other improvements that meet the goals of the program, as approved by the municipality.

5.3.2.4. Property Transformation Program

Purpose:

The goal of this grant is to encourage upgrades to underutilized and/or vacant buildings or properties by repurposing the space to better suit the needs of the community with new usable residential or commercial activities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The property or building must be in a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- Property must be privately owned and must have or be in the process of establishing a component of non-residential use.

Financial Incentive:

- Incentives of up to 50% of eligible net costs upon completion of approved project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Conversion of a vacant or unused buildings to provide multiple housing units, or mixed uses such as housing and office or studio space.
- Property zoning conversion to transfer underutilized residential buildings or properties to mixed-use or commercial spaces.
- Remodeling of upper story space in a commercial property to residential units.
- Renovations of rear ground floor space to better suit new commercial and/or residential use.

- Professional services, fees, and related costs to study the feasibility and design.
- Other improvements that meet the goals of the program, as approved by the municipality.

5.3.2.5. Start-up Business Program

Purpose:

To assist new businesses and companies established in the priority areas by providing funding to property owners and tenants. The financing of non-temporary leasehold or accessibility improvements for commercial spaces or live/workspaces aim to increase the marketability of property and rental units and foster long-term growth and success in the downtowns.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The property or building must be in a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- Property must be privately owned and must have a component of non-residential use.
- Proof of a minimum one-year commercial space lease.
- **Financial Incentive:**
- Incentives of up to 50% of eligible net costs upon completion of approved project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Capital storefront and commercial space improvements.
- Change, repair, re-install of flooring, ceiling, walls, lighting, fixed cabinets, and other structurally permanent elements.
- Painting, repainting, or re-facing of interior platforms, walls, and any surfaces.
- Installation, replacement, repair, or restoration of masonry, brickwork or wood, windows, or other architectural features.
- Installation, repair or reinstallation of plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), electrical, fixtures, cable, telephone, fibre, and other service-specific installations.
- Entranceway modifications that improve the appearance and/or access to the commercial unit(s).
- Demolition or removal of fixtures, structural, and non-conforming or hazardous materials.
- Other improvements that meet the goals of the program, as approved by the municipality.

5.3.2.6. Streetscape Beautification, Signage, and Landscaping Improvements

Purpose:

For improvements related to the streetscape including but not limited to the replacing/adding of light standards, street furniture, sidewalk and lane treatments, parking, and signage.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The project must be located in a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- Projects must be in line with streetscape, façade, or other design guidelines set by the municipality.

Financial Incentive:

- Incentives of up to 50% of eligible net costs upon completion of approved project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Replacing/adding light standards.
- Street furniture including but not limited to benches, banners, planters, garbage/recycling receptacles.
- Installation or improvement of sidewalks or walkways, lane, or parking lots.
- Improved community signage.
- Professional services, fees, and related costs.
- Other improvements that meet the goals of the program, as approved by the municipality.

5.3.2.7. Agricultural Diversification Program

Purpose:

To encourage on-farm diversified and agriculture-related uses through value-added experiences and exterior improvements on farms by reducing the costs.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All general eligibility criteria apply.
- The property or building must be within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1) where agricultural uses are permitted.

Financial Incentive:

- Incentives of up to 50% of eligible net costs upon completion of approved project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Exterior signages, façade, or infrastructure improvements, specific to on-farm diversified uses.
- Sales of produce such as produce stands.
- Property improvements to support Agri-tourism experiences or value-added activities such as barn tours, petting zoos, pick-your-own, on-farm dining, workshops, etc.
- Professional services, fees, and related costs.
- Other improvements that meet the goals of the program, as approved by the municipality.

5.3.3. Bruce County-led Incentives

In addition to municipal programs, Bruce County's Spruce the Bruce (STB) program offers a variety of grants to South Bruce's eligible property owners and tenants, municipalities, and specific community groups. These grants are administered and funded directly by Bruce County and based on a separate budget set by County Council each year. The general eligibility noted in the above sections does not apply to the STB grants, as each grant has its own eligibility requirements. View [Schedule D](#) for a summary chart of all incentives.

General Eligibility Criteria for Spruce the Bruce Grants:

- a. The applicant must be the tenant or the property owner. A letter of support from the property owner is required if the applicant is the tenant.
- b. The project should attempt to include elements from the applicable community toolkit, façade guidelines, or community brand guidelines, dependent on the grant category.
- c. The project must comply with municipal and county by-laws and have received appropriate permits and permissions.
- d. Project work must not have started (including purchasing any materials) until the application has been approved.
- e. Properties previously awarded grants are not eligible for additional funding under the same grant category unless:
 - The grant was provided more than five years ago; or
 - Either the tenant and/or property owner changed since the last grant was provided; or
 - The application is clearly for different physical elements of the building/property as determined by county staff.

5.3.3.1. Façade Building Improvement Grant

Purpose:

Updated, aesthetically pleasing, and well-maintained building facades create vibrancy in our downtown cores and encourage the public to stop, shop, and dine.

The Façade Building Improvement Grant provides funding for business and property owners to update and improve the exterior façade of their downtown commercial building.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All Spruce the Bruce specific eligibility criteria in section 5.3.3 apply.
- The building must be commercial or mixed-use (commercial-residential) and be located within the priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- A minimum of three major exterior projects from the eligible project list must occur. These can be a combination of grants funded under this grant category and up to one of the following categories: fascia signage, perpendicular signage, awning, and patio installation.

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a façade building improvement project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Architectural feature improvements, or additions (e.g., beams, decorative molding)
- Brick or stone (or other masonry) installation, repointing, or restoration
- Exterior lighting / gooseneck lighting
- Painting storefront
- Permanent outdoor planters (e.g., windowsill)
- Siding installation
- Take-out window installation
- Windows and doors upgrades
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create physical improvements or upgrades to the commercial property's façade

Examples of Ineligible Projects:

- New building construction
- Roof repairs

- Greenery (e.g., plants, flowers, shrubs, etc.)
- Projects done to the rear / backside of building
- General maintenance repairs

5.3.3.2. Fascia Signage Grant

Purpose:

An updated and aesthetically pleasing fascia sign helps to showcase the business' brand and encourages customers to enter the shop.

The Fascia Signage Grant provides funding for business and property owners to install a new and updated façade (flat/fascia sign) on the exterior of the downtown commercial building.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All Spruce the Bruce specific eligibility criteria in section 5.3.3 apply.
- The building must be commercial or mixed-use (commercial-residential) and be located within the priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- Fascia signs must be attached to the front of a commercial building.

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a fascia signage project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Fascia / façade / flat storefront sign
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create physical improvements or upgrades to the commercial property's fascia signage

Examples of Ineligible Projects:

- Backlit, neon, coroplast, vinyl banners, or freestanding signage

5.3.3.3. Perpendicular Signage Grant

Purpose:

Perpendicular signs increase awareness and visibility of a business and its offerings. The sign is attached to the front of the building and mounted so the face of the sign is perpendicular to the normal flow of the street and foot traffic, which creates pedestrian-friendly downtowns.

The Perpendicular Signage Grant provides funding for business and property owners to install a new perpendicular (blade / projecting) sign on the exterior of the downtown commercial building.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All Spruce the Bruce specific eligibility criteria in section 5.3.3 apply.
- The building must be commercial or mixed-use (commercial-residential) and be located within the priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- The perpendicular sign must be attached to the front of the building and mounted so the face of the sign is perpendicular to the normal flow of street and foot traffic.

Program Funding:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a perpendicular signage project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Perpendicular / blade / projecting sign
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create physical improvements or upgrades to the commercial property's perpendicular signage

Examples of Ineligible Projects:

- Backlit, neon, coroplast, vinyl banners, or freestanding signage

5.3.3.4. Awning Grant

Purpose:

Awnings not only provide shelter from environmental elements but can also add an extra visual appeal to the building and improve aesthetics.

The Awning Grant provides funding for business and property owners to install an awning on the exterior of the downtown commercial building.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All Spruce the Bruce specific eligibility criteria in section 5.3.3 apply.
- The building must be commercial or mixed-use (commercial-residential) and be located within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of an awning project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Awning above windows, doors, and/or takeout windows

- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create physical improvements or upgrades to the commercial property's awning

5.3.3.5. Patio Installation Grant

Purpose:

An outdoor patio allows restaurants, bars, and cafes the opportunity to increase capacity and sales, but also add to the vibrancy of the downtown, encouraging more visitors and spending.

The Patio Installation Grant provides funding for business and property owners to install or expand an outdoor patio for their guests and visitors to enjoy food and beverage on. The patio may be a sidewalk patio, rooftop patio, or back patio.

Eligibility Criteria:

- All Spruce the Bruce specific eligibility criteria in section 5.3.3 apply.
- The building must be commercial or mixed-use and be located within the priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- If the patio extends onto municipal property, the applicant must submit an application and be approved for a patio permit with the municipality.

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a patio installation project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Decking
- Fencing or railings
- Flooring / patio stones / brick
- Pergola for sun shelter
- Permanent planter boxes (e.g., attached to fencing)
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create physical improvements or upgrades to the commercial property's patio

Examples of Ineligible Projects:

- Patio furniture (e.g., tables, chairs, benches, etc.)
- Portable accessories (e.g., heaters, fire pits, speakers, etc.)
- Greenery (e.g., plants, flowers, shrubs, etc.)

5.3.3.6. Community Marketing Grant

Purpose:

By collaborating on marketing projects, businesses, municipalities, not-for-profits, and charities with a focus or mandate to service visitors can ensure a cohesive approach and expand their reach to new audiences and visitors. Helping to drive sales to local businesses and encourage involvement and attendance at community events helps to drive a vibrancy in the community.

The Community Marketing Grant provides funding for businesses or municipalities, not-for-profits or charities with a focus or mandate to service visitors to collaboratively develop a package itinerary or marketing campaign that stimulates the local downtown economy.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Specific Spruce the Bruce eligibility criteria from section 5.3.3 points b. to e. apply.
- The applicants may be a combination of businesses, or a combination of municipalities, not-for-profits or charities with a focus or mandate to service visitors.
- For businesses: a minimum of three businesses, with at least one being located within the priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4) collaborate and develop a package itinerary or campaign.
- For municipal and community partners: municipalities and community partners (not-for-profits or charities) collaborate and develop a marketing campaign to promote the business community and sectors.

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a community marketing project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Completed package itinerary or marketing campaign
- Design and production of marketing collateral
- Paid promotion through marketing channels (e.g., detail, print, radio, etc.)
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create visitor attraction to the downtown cores of eligible communities

Examples of Ineligible Projects:

- Projects that include collaborative partners located outside of Bruce County
- Projects that duplicate a role already fulfilled within the community or Bruce County

- Projects that generate advertising / promotional revenue for the applicants

5.3.3.7. Agri-Food Innovation Grant

Purpose:

Agriculture is one of Bruce County's key sectors. By supporting the implementation of innovative and value-added processes, agriculture operators can improve efficiencies, expand their markets, and increase profits.

The Agri-Food Innovation Grant provides funding for agricultural operators to improve or implement new value-added and innovative technologies, software, and hardware.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Specific Spruce the Bruce eligibility criteria from section 5.3.3 points a. and c. to e. apply.
- The agriculture property must be located within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).
- The project must comply with all necessary municipal, provincial, federal, and local food, and safety regulations, and have received appropriate permits and permissions.
- This grant cannot be combined with any other Spruce the Bruce grants.

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of an agri-food innovation project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Infrastructure related to the following:
- Agri-tourism experiences (e.g., adding a corn maze)
- Bioproduct farming (as defined by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA))
- Direct consumer sales (e.g., pick-your-own, roadside stands)
- Organic farming (e.g., free-range chickens)
- Small-scale food and beverage processing (e.g., making jam on-site from grown raspberries)
- Specialty crops farming (as defined by OMAFRA)
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that include value-added or innovative purchases or implementation to the agriculture operation

Ineligible Projects:

- Temporary, 'removeable', or consumable project materials or elements
- New building construction
- General maintenance repairs

5.3.3.8. Business Accessibility Adaptability Grant**Purpose:**

Communities become more inclusive, safe, and welcoming when the accessibility of commercial buildings is improved, and barriers are removed. The goal is to create inclusive and AODA-friendly environments for all.

The Business Accessibility Adaptability Grant provides funding for business and property owners to upgrade or renovate the exterior or interior of their commercial building to remove or reduce barriers for people with disabilities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Specific Spruce the Bruce eligibility criteria from section 5.3.3 points a. and c. to e. apply.
- The building must be commercial or mixed-use and be located within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).
- The renovations and upgrades must be compliant with the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a business accessibility and adaptability project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Automatic doors (exterior or interior)
- Accessible dressing rooms
- Accessible washrooms
- Wheelchair ramps
- Flat entrance (in place of stairs)
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create permanent renovations or upgrades to improve the accessibility of the exterior or interior of the commercial building

Examples of Ineligible Projects:

- Temporary or 'removeable' project materials or elements

5.3.3.9. Product and Experience Development / Enhancement Grant**Purpose:**

Tourism is what drives visitors to explore Bruce County. By upgrading or creating new experiences and products for visitors, their length of stay and monies spent can increase, assisting the overall economy.

The Product and Experience Development / Enhancement Grant provides funding for tourism business and property owners of tourism establishments to improve the visitor experience by making upgrades and enhancements to their products, services, and physical location.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Specific Spruce the Bruce eligibility criteria from section 5.3.3 points c. to e. apply.
- The applicant must be the tenant or the property owner of a business whose products or services are demand generators directly related to tourism (accommodations, recreation and entertainment, food and beverage, travel services, and transportation). A letter of support from the property owner is required if the applicant is the tenant.
- The building or property must be located within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).
- This grant cannot be combined with any other Spruce the Bruce grants.

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes), to support the completion of a product and experience development / enhancement project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Infrastructure related to physical improvements or additions to a building or structure (e.g., exterior façade, patios, cabins, docks, playgrounds, etc.)
- Infrastructure related to the development of new tourism products or services
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that develop or enhance existing or new products or experiences of the tourism property or business

Ineligible Projects:

- Temporary, 'removeable', or consumable project materials or elements
- New building construction

- General maintenance repairs

5.3.3.10. Residential Improvement Grant

Purpose:

Adding to the number of residential units available for rent will help increase the supply of housing options accessible for local residents. Focusing on downtowns and mixed-use zones will help rental tenants gain access to employment opportunities and using personal and professional services in the downtown without requiring access to a vehicle.

The Residential Improvement Grant provides funding for property owners to upgrade or renovate their mixed-use (commercial-residential) building to add new residential units or increase occupancy in existing units for long-term rental use.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Specific Spruce the Bruce eligibility criteria from section 5.3.3 points c. to e. apply.
- The applicant must be the property owner.
- The building must be mixed-use (commercial-residential) and located within a downtown core or mixed-use zone of a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a residential improvement project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Supplies and labour related to the development of a new unit or expansion of existing units
- Supplies and labour related to necessary building code or fire code requirements
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create permanent renovations or upgrades that add a new residential unit or increase the capacity of an existing residential unit of the mixed-use property

Ineligible Projects:

- Removable or temporary items (e.g., furniture, decorative items)
- Projects that do not result in a new residential unit or increase the occupancy of an existing residential unit
- New building construction

5.3.3.11. Streetscape Beautification Grant

Purpose:

Streetscape Beautification projects help make a community's downtown more attractive, distinctive to their unique brand, and pedestrian-friendly, helping to drive community vibrancy and development. Uniquely branded physical elements help to highlight the character of a downtown.

The Streetscape Beautification Grant provides funding for municipalities or their entities, business improvement areas, or registered chambers of commerce to install or improve streetscape improvements in the downtown core that improve the vibrancy of the downtown.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Specific Spruce the Bruce eligibility criteria from section 5.3.3 points b. to e. apply.
- The applicant must be a municipality or their entities, a business improvement area, or a registered chamber of commerce.
- The project elements must be installed in and around the downtown core of a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).
- The applicant must submit a letter of support from the local municipality or local council.

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a streetscape beautification project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Banners
- Benches
- Bike racks
- Flower containers
- Garbage and recycling cans
- Green space or public plaza enhancements
- Public art
- Seasonal decorations
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create upgrades, additions, or improvements, or enhanced experiences to the streetscape within the community's downtown core

5.3.3.12. Community Signage Grant

Purpose:

Community Signage helps to improve visitors' experiences, while showcasing the community's unique brand.

The Community Signage Grant provides funding for municipalities, not-for-profits, or charities with a focus or mandate to service visitors, to install signage that improves the visitor experience.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Specific Spruce the Bruce eligibility criteria from section 5.3.3 points b. to e. apply.
- The applicant must be a municipality, not-for-profit, or charity with a focus or mandate to service visitors.
- Signage must be within Bruce County boundaries.
- The applicant must submit a letter of support from the local municipality or local council.

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a community signage project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Gateway signs
- Interpretive or historical plaques
- Kiosk signs
- Route / trail markers (e.g., cycling, hiking, paddling areas, marinas)
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create upgrades, additions, or improvements, or enhanced experiences through signage within the community

Examples of Ineligible Projects:

- Signage not specifically benefitting the visitor's experience

5.3.3.13. Destination Infrastructure and Active Transportation Grant

Purpose:

By upgrading and investing in local destination infrastructure around core local attractions, visitor experience is enhanced and increases the likelihood of return trips. Investing in active transportation projects also helps engage residents and visitors and encourages active means of transportation.

The Destination Infrastructure and Active Transportation Grant provides funding for municipalities, not-for-profits, or charities with a focus or mandate to service visitors, to install or enhance infrastructure or make capital improvements that improve the quality of core visitor attractions or active transportation areas.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Specific Spruce the Bruce eligibility criteria from section 5.3.3 points b. to e. apply.
- The applicant must be a municipality, not-for-profit, or charity with a focus or mandate to service visitors.
- The project work must be within Bruce County boundaries, and at a core visitor attraction or an area determined by an active transportation plan.
- The applicant must submit a letter of support from the local municipality or local council.

Financial Incentive:

- A grant payment of up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding taxes) to support the completion of a destination infrastructure and active transportation project.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Capital improvements such as upgrades and additions to public restrooms, parking areas, and lookouts.
- Other projects approved by Bruce County that create upgrades, additions, or improvements, or enhanced experiences through Destination Infrastructure and Active Transportation within the community

6. Program Implementation

6.1. Administration

The Community Improvement Plan policy is administered by the Municipality of South Bruce, with exception to the Spruce the Bruce program which are administered by Bruce County. These programs are led by the municipality's CAO and economic development staff with support from other departments for administration, review of applications, and funding disbursements.

6.2. General Budget

Council determines the amount of available municipal funding to be made for these financial incentives under this Community Improvement Plan (CIP) on an annual basis. The total of all grants and loans provided in this CIP shall not exceed the eligible costs to remediate, rehabilitate, revitalize, and redevelop the lands and/or buildings. Any improvements made prior to the adoption of the CIP

are not eligible for financial incentives under the CIP.

Based on any number of factors, council or its designated authority may choose to operationalize the following if it still fit within the criteria of the program:

- Cease, reduce, or increase funding to one or more of the financial incentive programs.
- Create a maximum/cap of the percentage allocated for an individual incentive.
- Designate a maximum dollar amount allocated to a specific incentive.
- Assign a maximum amount to be used as a pool.
- Limit funds to specific incentive programs to support municipal goals.

Any adjustments to program funding or the amount of the annual budget will not require an amendment to this Plan.

6.3. Application Review and Approvals

Prior to application of the municipal-led incentive programs, potential applicants are encouraged to pre-consult with municipal staff to determine if their property and projects are eligible, discuss the application requirements, and to determine if other financial incentives are available.

Applications will be available to building and property owners or their tenants and will request elements such as project details, quotes, and designs of the of the proposed finished products.

Review and approval of applications is delegated to the CAO, economic development staff, or designate committee. The CAO, economic development staff, or designate committee are required to bring a recommendation to council for approval in the following situations:

- The total incentives provided to one property are more than \$20,000 in one budget year.
- A Tax Increment Equivalent Grant is requested.
- A loan is requested.

Applications for loans need to be submitted by October 31 of the year prior. Timelines associated with applications will be developed using a subsequent process and be subject to change based on budget and availability.

Upon approval of a grant or loan, and prior to beginning the project, the applicant will be required to enter into an agreement with the municipality. A final report with copies of paid invoices and photos of the completed project will need to be returned before October 31 of the approval year before funds are released.

A summary of approved financial incentives will be provided to council based on the approved budget for that year.

6.4. Phasing

Based on the municipal goals, planned projects, or other recently completed work for the community the municipality may choose to phase areas of the Community Improvement Plan as in Section 5.7.6 of the official plan. If there are planned studies or projects upcoming based on public infrastructure, that may impact the result of a proposed eligible project that the application may choose to defer their incentive to omit duplication of work.

7. Amending Policies

7.1. Timeframe

The Community Improvement Plan (CIP) shall remain in effect until council amends or repeals the by-law.

7.2. Amendments

Amendments to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) would not normally be required if a municipality is discontinuing or cancelling a program; or if funding to a program is decreased. Decisions respecting funding allocations to CIP programs are typically part of the annual council budget process. However, amendments to the CIP may be required for a change or expansion in the geographic area to which financial or land programs outlined in a CIP apply; or a change in the eligibility criteria (i.e. the addition of new municipal assistance programs involving grants, loans, tax assistance or land; or, an increase to a financial incentive to be offered within a municipal CIP program).

7.3. Participation

To carry out the community improvement goals and actions of this plan, the municipality may participate and coordinate in grants or loans with other levels of government pursuant to Section 28(7.2) of the Planning Act (1990) for the purpose of carrying out a Community Improvement Plan.

8. Monitoring

Program monitoring shall occur on an annual basis to determine the following:

- a. Established targets from program uptake are being met.
- b. Desired outcomes for the downtown are being achieved.
- c. Program participants are completing their commitments.
- d. Overall benefits of the program.

Schedule A: Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA) Maps

Schedule A-1: South Bruce Municipal-wide CIPA

Schedule A-2: Formosa CIPA

Schedule A-3: Mildmay CIPA

Schedule A-4: Teeswater CIPA

Schedule A-1
Municipality of South Bruce
Community Improvement Plan
Project Area (CIPA)

Municipality for Brockton

Walkerton

Carlsruhe

Refer to
Schedule A-2

Formosa



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Schedule A-3
Mildmay

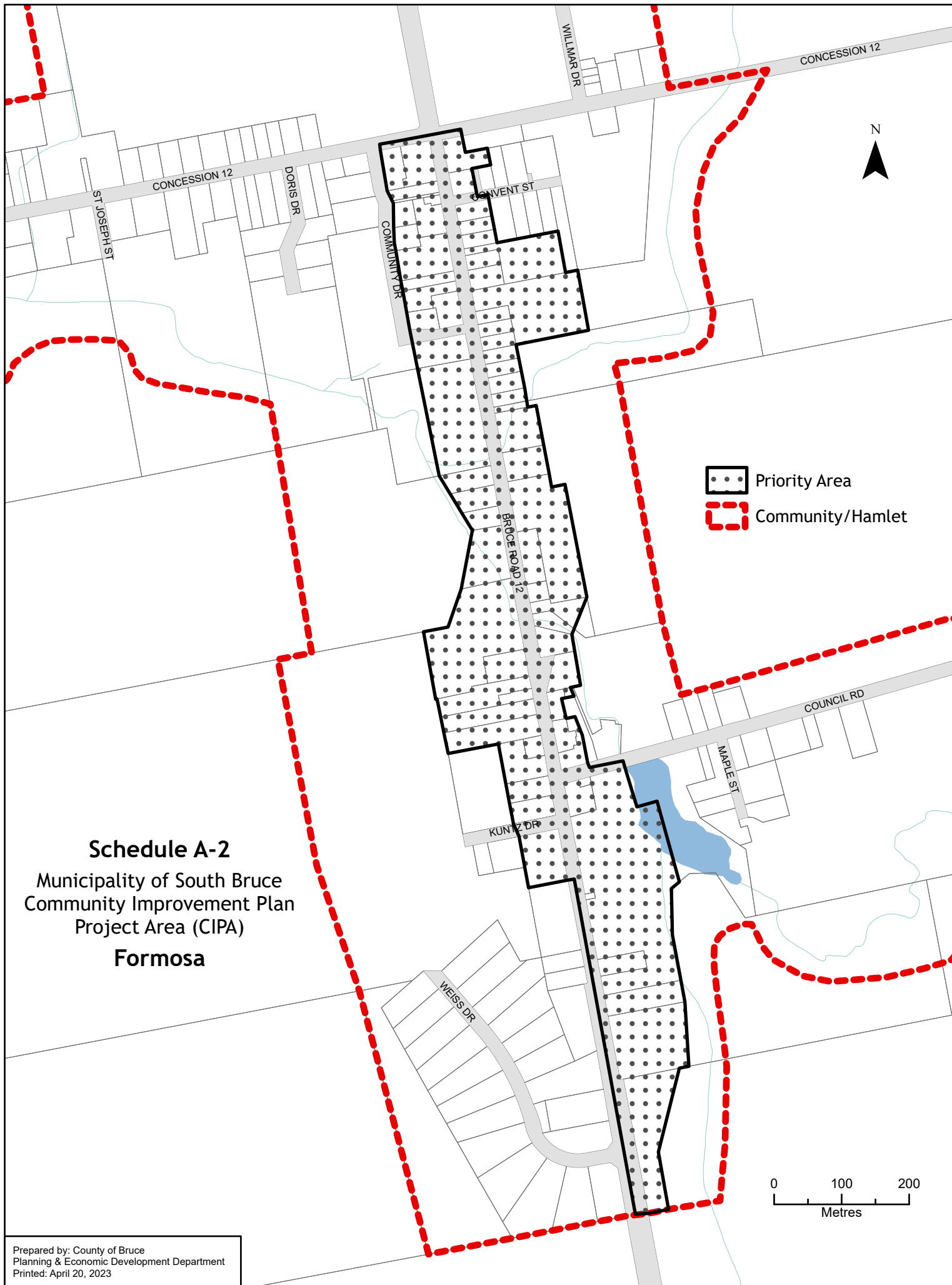
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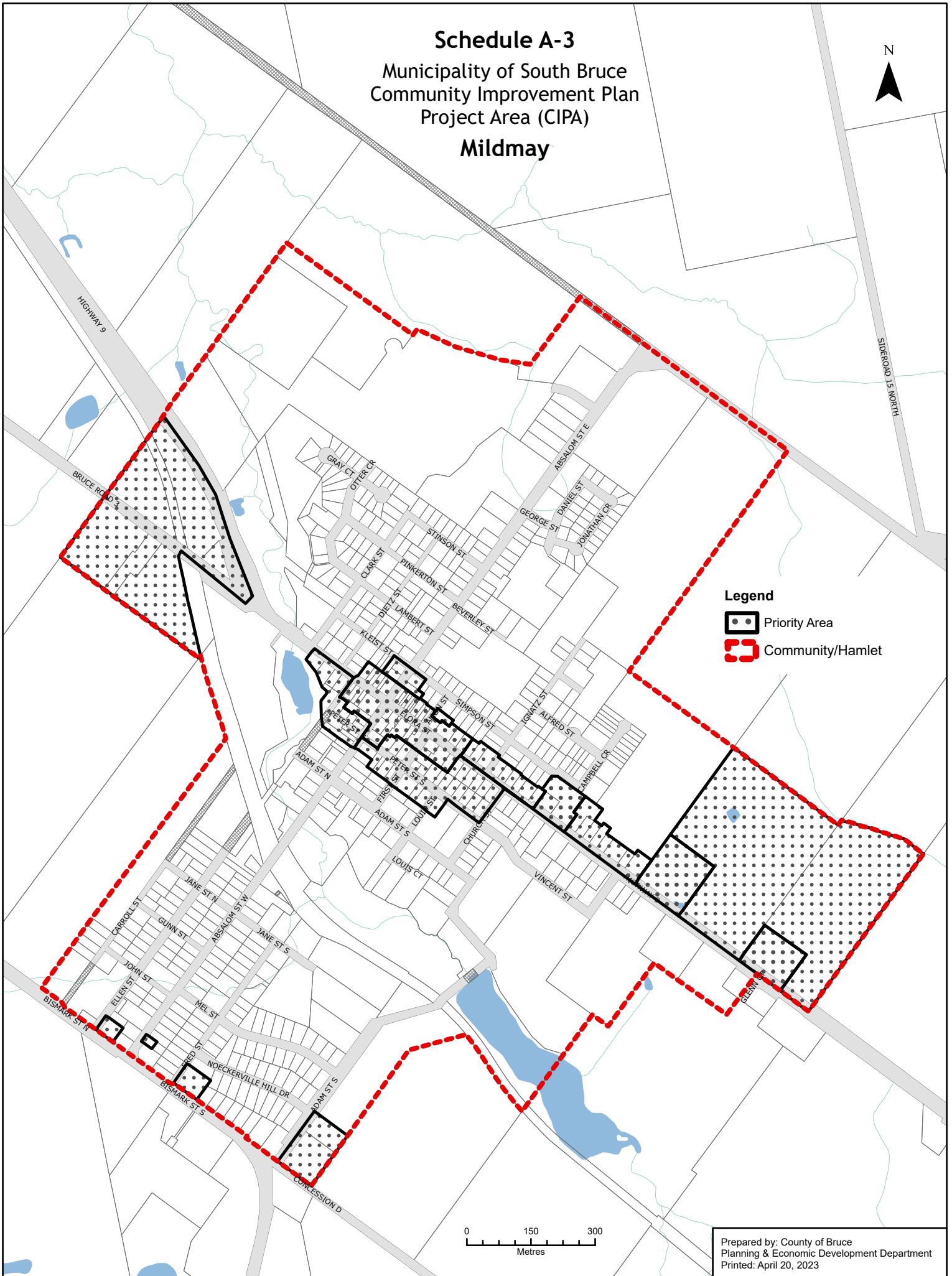
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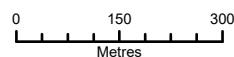
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- Legend**
-  Priority Area
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Schedule A-4

Municipality of South Bruce



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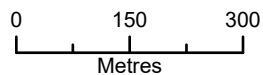
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-  Community/Hamlet



Schedule B: Summary of the Development and Predevelopment Incentives

Incentive Program	Purpose	Additional Eligibility	Incentives
Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) Program	Encourage the development and redevelopment of eligible properties by providing tax assistance for the property tax increase resulting from new property improvements.	Privately owned properties in the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A1). Projects that have resulted in at least 25% an increase in the assessed property value or be valued at more than \$1,000,000.	Up to 100% of the Municipal and/or County tax portion for up to ten years provided on a declining basis. County of Bruce may participate.
Municipal Fee Incentive Program	Reduction of municipal fees associated with redevelopment, infill, and new commercial development.	Privately owned properties or buildings in the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).	One-time Municipal fee reductions up to 50%. County of Bruce may participate.
Predevelopment Study and Design Program	Offset the costs associated with preparing plans and drawings that outline the extent of the improvements being applied for.	Privately owned properties or buildings in the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).	Municipality matches up to 50% of eligible project net costs. County of Bruce may participate.
Surplus Land Program	Redevelop lands or buildings that are determined surplus to the needs of the local municipality or the county.	As determined through a request for proposal (RFP) process.	Land to be awarded at a reduced cost or at no cost. County of Bruce may participate.

Schedule C: Summary of the Building and Property Improvement Incentives

Incentive Program	Purpose	Additional Eligibility	Incentives
Façade Improvement Program	Offset costs of rehabilitation, repair, and/ or exterior improvements to buildings and street-facing facades.	Buildings that are privately owned with component of non-residential use within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	Municipality matches up to 50% of eligible project net costs.
Business Signage Program	Covers costs for new or existing public facing sign improvements or additions on buildings in the municipality.	Buildings or properties that are privately owned with a component of non-residential use within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).	Municipality matches up to 50% of eligible project net costs.
Building Improvement and Structural Program	Supports the improvements needed to renovate, restore, or update buildings and bring them into compliance with AODA, Ontario's Building Code, or LEED certification standards.	Buildings that are privately owned with component of non-residential use within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	Municipality matches up to 50% of eligible project net costs.
Property Transformation Program	Encourage upgrades to underutilized buildings or properties by repurposing the space to better suit the needs of the community with new usable residential or commercial activities.	Buildings that are privately owned with component of non-residential use or in the process of rezoning within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	Municipality matches up to 50% of eligible project net costs.

Start-up Business Program	Funding for non-temporary interior leasehold, accessibility, or other capital storefront improvements for commercial spaces.	Buildings that are privately owned with component of non-residential use within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	Municipality matches up to 50% of eligible project net costs.
Streetscape Beautification, Signage, and Landscaping Improvements	For improvements that boost the visual streetscape and landscaping improvements in the core downtown areas.	The project must be located in a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	Municipality matches up to 50% of eligible project net costs.
Agricultural Diversification Program	Encourage on-farm diversified and agriculture-related uses through value-added experiences and exterior improvements on farms.	Property with where agricultural use is permitted within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).	Municipality matches up to 50% of eligible project net costs.

Schedule D: Summary of Bruce County's Spruce the Bruce Incentives

Incentive Program	Purpose	Additional Eligibility	Incentives
Façade Building Improvement Grant	Funding for business and property owners to update and improve the exterior façade of their downtown commercial building.	Zoned commercial or mixed-use within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Fascia Signage Grant	Funding for business and property owners to install a new and updated façade (flat/fascia sign) on the exterior of the downtown commercial building.	Zoned commercial or mixed-use within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Perpendicular Signage Grant	Funding for business and property owners to install a new perpendicular (blade / projecting) sign on the exterior of the downtown commercial building.	Zoned commercial or mixed-use within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Awning Grant	Funding for business and property owners to install an awning on the exterior of the downtown commercial building.	Zoned commercial or mixed-use within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Patio Installation Grant	Funding for business and property owners to install or expand an outdoor patio for their guests and visitors to enjoy food and beverage on.	Zoned commercial or mixed-use within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).

Community Marketing Grant	Funding for businesses or municipalities, not-for-profits or charities with a focus or mandate to service visitors to collaboratively develop a package itinerary or marketing campaign that stimulates the local downtown economy.	If businesses apply: a minimum of three businesses must collaborate, with at least one located in a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Agri-Food Innovation Grant	Funding for agricultural operators to improve or implement new value-added and innovative technologies, software, and hardware.	Zoned agriculture within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Business Accessibility Adaptability Grant	Funding for business and property owners to upgrade or renovate the exterior or interior of their commercial building to remove or reduce barriers for people with disabilities.	Zoned commercial or mixed-use within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1).	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Product and Experience Development Grant	Funding for tourism business and property owners of tourism establishments to improve the visitor experience by making upgrades and enhancements to their products, services, and physical location.	For properties located within the municipal-wide CIPA (Schedule A-1) that are operating a business directly related to tourism.	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Residential Improvement Grant	Funding for property owners to upgrade or renovate their mixed-use (commercial-residential) building to add new residential units or increase occupancy in existing units for long-term rental use.	Zoned mixed-use within a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4).	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).

Streetscape Beautification Grant	Funding for municipalities or their entities, business improvement areas, or registered chambers of commerce to install or improve streetscape improvements in the downtown core that improve the vibrancy of the downtown.	Applicant must be a municipality or their entities with a letter of support from the municipality. Project installed in a priority CIPA (Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4)	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Community Signage Grant	Funding for municipalities, not-for-profits, or charities with a focus or mandate to service visitors, to install signage that improves the visitor experience.	Applicant must be a municipality or not-for-profit, or charity with a letter of support from the municipality who a focus or mandate to service visitors. Signage must be within Bruce County boundaries.	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).
Destination Infrastructure and Active Transportation Grant	Funding for municipalities, not-for-profits, or charities with a focus or mandate to service visitors, to install or enhance infrastructure or make capital improvements that improve the quality of core visitor attractions or active transportation areas.	Applicant must be a municipality or not-for-profit, or charity with a letter of support from the municipality who a focus or mandate to service visitors. Project must be within Bruce County boundaries.	County matches up to 50% eligible project costs (excluding taxes).

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

MILDMAY COMMUNITY
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GUEST SPEAKERS 7:15PM

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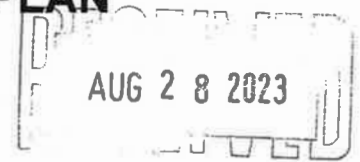
(EVERYONE WELCOME)

- ★ Grant Diemert, Architect, will be on hand for the Saugeen Hospice Building Plan update
- ★ Tiarra Gibbs (Grey and Bruce Counties), will talk about Pain and Symptom Management services available in this area.
- ★ Video presentation (update) on the Hospice build site
- ★ Update on Saugeen Hospice, by Steve Travale

*Please R.S.V.P. to askus@saugeenhospice.ca
before September 15, 2023*



NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE TOWN OF HANOVER OFFICIAL PLAN



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Hanover passed By-law No. 3276-23 on the **14th** day of **August, 2023**, under Section 17(22) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 as amended, adopting Amendment No. 5 to the Town of Hanover Official Plan.

The Amendment applies to the lands described as Part of Lot 7, Concession 2, South of the Durham Road, and more specifically described as Part 1, Reference Plan 16R-10599 and located at 100 18th Avenue in the Town of Hanover in the County of Grey.

The purpose of the Amendment is to re-designate the subject lands to permit an auto service and sales establishment in the Restricted Industrial Zone (M1).

The effect of the Official Plan Amendment is to re-designate the subject land from Restricted Industrial Zone (M1) to (M1-45) in order to add auto service and sales use.

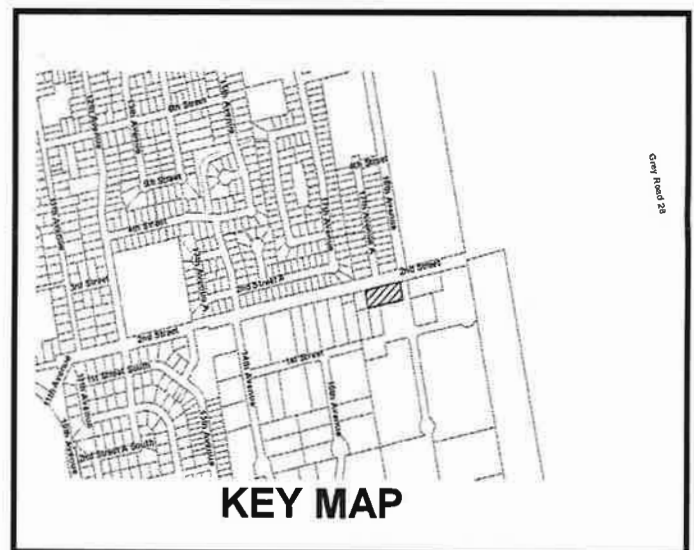
This Official Plan Amendment (File No. LOPA#5) is site specific and a schedule is attached to this public notice.

The Town of Hanover has now adopted this amendment and is circulating it to the County of Grey for final approval.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority, the County of Grey, at the following address:

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A copy of By-law No. 3276-23, which adopts Official Plan Amendment No. 5, together with a copy of the Amendment and the Plan, and supporting materials are available for inspection at the Civic Office, 341 10th Street, Hanover, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Dated at the TOWN of HANOVER this **24th** day of **August, 2023**



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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HANOVER

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Hanover passed By-law No. 3277- 23 on the 14th day of **August, 2023**, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Hanover not later than the **13th day of September, 2023** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Visit OLT website (<https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/forms/>) for additional information. Any appeal must be accompanied by the fee required by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the zoning by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies are shown below. A copy of By-law No. 3277-23 is attached for your information.

Dated at the TOWN OF HANOVER this 24th day of **August, 2023**.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This By-law applies only to those lands described as Part of Lot 7, Concession 2, South of Durham Road, Part 1 of Plan 16R-10599 in the Town of Hanover in the County of Grey as shown on Schedule "A" to By-law No. 3277 - 23.

The purpose of this by-law is to rezone the land from Restricted Industrial (M1) to Restricted Industrial Site Specific (M1-45) Zone to allow an auto service and sales establishment on the lands known as 100 18th Avenue.

Lands in the M1-45 zone shall be developed in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 of the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law, excepting however that the following regulations shall apply:

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| a) | Use of Front and Exterior Side Yard | Vehicle display area shall be in the front yard. |
| b) | Open Storage | Vehicle display and vehicle service parking areas |
| c) | Off-Street parking | 57 required & 47 provided.
Off-street parking shall have length of 5.5 m |

