

6. Motion – Councillor T. Tierney - Enbridge - St. Laurent Boulevard
- Motion - Conseiller T. Tierney - Enbridge – Entretien du boulevard St-Laurent

Committee Recommendations as amended

That Council direct staff to continue collaborative activities with Enbridge Gas to find shared opportunities to achieve emissions reduction through energy transition planning, energy efficiency and demand-side management programs, while ensuring energy security for the residents of Ottawa.

Recommandations du Comité telles que modifiées

Que le Conseil demande au personnel de poursuivre sa collaboration avec Enbridge Gas pour trouver des occasions de réduire les émissions grâce à la planification de la transition énergétique, à l'efficacité énergétique et aux programmes de gestion de la demande, tout en assurant la sécurité énergétique de la population d'Ottawa.

Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Environment and Climate Change Committee, 21 November 2023.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique, le 21 novembre 2023.
2. Committee Report dated 17 October 2023 (ACS2022-OCC-CCS-0149)

Rapport du Comité daté le 17 octobre 2023 (ACS2022-OCC-CCS-0149)

Extract of Draft Minutes 8
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Comité de l'environnement et
du changement climatique
Le 21 novembre 2023

Motion – Councillor T. Tierney -
Enbridge - St. Laurent Boulevard Maintenance

File No. ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0149 - City-wide

At the Environment and Climate Change Committee (ECCC) meeting of Tuesday, 17 October 2023, Councillor T. Tierney had introduced the following as a Notice of Motion for consideration at a subsequent Committee meeting.

Motion N^o ECCC 2023-07-02

Moved by Councillor T. Tierney:

WHEREAS, 21 km of Enbridge pipeline is an aging infrastructure and requires maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the St. Laurent Pipeline is a critical part of Enbridge Gas' natural gas distribution system, and directly and indirectly supplies approximately 165,000 customers in the Ottawa and Gatineau regions, including several of those customers providing critical services, like hospitals, federal facilities, social and low-income housing which count on a reliable, energy source for their daily operations; and

WHEREAS, with any significant impact or event, causing pipe failures, gas supply may be compromised, or shut off; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge has approached the Ontario Energy Board however, based on information provided by the City of Ottawa, their first application was denied; and

WHEREAS, Councillors Carr, Plante, King and Tierney, in whose wards this affects, have grave concerns as Enbridge resubmits their application to the

Ontario Energy Board, that previous City-provided information may result in the same decision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the aforementioned City detail be stricken from the record; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Ottawa City Council support the Enbridge Gas application for the maintenance of the 21 kilometers of pipeline along St. Laurent Boulevard.

At the Environment and Climate Change Committee (ECCC) meeting of Tuesday, 21 November 2023, Councillor T. Tierney introduced an updated version of the above Motion as follows:

Motion N^o ECCC 2023-08-07

Moved by Councillor T. Tierney:

WHEREAS Enbridge Gas carried out pipeline integrity and risk studies on their St. Laurent natural gas pipeline last year, which was originally installed between 1958 and 1962, and these studies highlighted the need to replace the aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the St. Laurent pipeline is a critical part of Enbridge's distribution system and directly serves almost half of Ottawa's 400,000 natural gas customers including hospitals, Parliament Hill, City Hall, and three of every four homes; and

WHEREAS Enbridge Gas actively and responsibly seeks to maintain its 5,000 km of pipeline in the City of Ottawa in a state of good repair at all times; and

WHEREAS, with any significant impact or event causing pipe failures, gas supply may be compromised, or shut off; and

WHEREAS a safe and reliable supply of natural gas is essential to one of the coldest capital cities in the world, especially in winter;

WHEREAS in its order declining the initial application (EB-2020-0293) for the renewal project, the Ontario Energy Board suggested Enbridge Gas should collaborate with the City of Ottawa and other stakeholders to

proactively plan a course of action when pipeline replacement is required, including the pursuit of Integrated Resource Planning strategy; and

WHEREAS staff from the City of Ottawa, Hydro Ottawa, and Enbridge Gas have been meeting and are committed to future collaboration, including the establishment of a working group that would focus on integrated resource planning and promoting efficiency, including how a renewed pipeline can contribute towards progress on shared climate and energy challenges and opportunities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to continue collaborative activities with Enbridge Gas to find shared opportunities to achieve emissions reduction through energy transition planning, energy efficiency and demand-side management programs, while ensuring energy security for the residents of Ottawa.

The Committee then heard from the following delegations:

1. Angela Keller-Herzog⁺, Executive Director, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)
2. Gabriela (Gaby) Kalapos, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership

[+ Slide presentations/visuals/videos held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.]

As key staff were not present at Committee to respond to Members' questions, Chair Menard suggested that Members refer any questions they may have to the Council meeting of 6 December 2023.

With discussions having concluded, the revised Motion (ECCC 2023-08-07) was put before Committee and was 'CARRIED', as presented.

Carried