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Re: Enbridge Line 9 Pipeline

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by the General Government Committee at its meeting held March 6, 2014 and endorsed by Ajax Town Council at its Meeting held on the same day:

Whereas Line 9 is a high pressure oil pipeline that crosses the full width of Durham Region, and Enbridge has applied to the National Energy Board for permission to:

- I. reverse its flow so that it carries crude oil from North Westover to Montreal*
- II. increase its flow from 240,000 barrels to 300,000 barrels per day*
- III. include diluted bitumen to the classes of petroleum it can carry*

Whereas the Town of Ajax has submitted a Letter of Comment to the NEB expressing its concerns and similar Letters of Comment were submitted by the Region of Durham and the Town of Whitby, as well as private individuals and organizations,

Whereas the Province of Ontario also expressed its concern in its submission to the NEB and set out 7 minimum conditions that they felt should be imposed before the NEB approves Enbridge's application:

- I. a hydrostatic test of the Line*
- II. an independent 3rd party review of the risk and engineering assessments submitted by Enbridge*
- III. insurance coverage of \$1billion*
- IV. that Enbridge incorporate vulnerable areas and source protection plans into their high consequence area and environmentally sensitive area maps*
- V. that these vulnerable areas be incorporated into its emergency response plan*
- VI. conduct emergency response exercises annually with all municipalities who want them*
- VII. publish an annual report on Line 9, including information about maintenance, spills and integrity testing*

Whereas, in the course of the Line 9 hearing process, it was revealed that Durham Region has the highest concentration of watercourse crossings along the entire pipeline which, with inadequate emergency response times of between 1.5 and 4 hours, puts Durham Region communities, citizens, businesses and natural environment at increased risk in the event of a pipeline spill.

Whereas the Town of Ajax has no regulatory authority over this pipeline.

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Ajax:

1. supports the 7 conditions set out by the Province of Ontario, and
2. requests the Province of Ontario require the project undergo an Individual Environmental Assessment for matters of provincial jurisdiction and interest such as the protection of drinking water, if the NEB decision does not require Enbridge to substantially fulfill all of these conditions,

and be it further resolved :

3. That due to the high concentration of watercourses and wetlands that the pipeline crosses in Durham Region and its rapidly increasing population, the Town of Ajax requests the Province of Ontario and Enbridge Oil Pipelines work collaboratively to designate the entire width of Durham through which the pipeline crosses a 'high consequence area' and to provide increased protection for Durham Region's communities and natural environment by establishing an Enbridge Oil Pipeline emergency response crew in Durham Region to reduce emergency response times.

and further,

4. That this resolution be forwarded to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli, and Environment Minister Jim Bradley, with copies to: The National Energy Board, Federal Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver, Federal Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq, Enbridge, Ajax-Pickering Member of Parliament Chris Alexander, Ajax-Pickering Member of Provincial Parliament Joe Dickson, the Regional Municipality of Durham, City of Pickering, Town of Whitby, City of Oshawa, Municipality of Clarington, Town of Ajax Environmental Advisory Committee, and Durham Region Environmental Advisory Committee.

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Sincerely



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