

Washago Community Expansion Project – Virtual Public Information Session #2 Presentation Transcript

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1	Not Applicable (N/A) –Title Slide	<p>Hello and welcome to the second Virtual Public Information Session for the Enbridge Gas Washago Community Expansion Project!</p> <p>At any time, you can press pause or stop this presentation. You will also have the opportunity to download the transcript to this video on the Virtual Public Information Session website. A link is provided on the next slide and at the end of the presentation.</p>
2	Welcome	<p>This Virtual Public Information Session will be live for two weeks, beginning Tuesday, May 20, 2025, and ending Monday, June 2, 2025.</p> <p>Dillon Consulting has been hired to conduct an environmental study to assess the potential environmental and socio-economic effects that may result from the proposed Washago Community Expansion Project. This presentation will provide you with information about the Project, present the selected Preferred Route for the Project, provide information on the Ontario Energy Board process, and outline how you can stay informed and participate.</p> <p>You can provide your input on the Project by completing the comment form available on the Virtual Public Information Session website at www.WashagoEA.com. or by sending an email to WashagoEA@dillon.ca. Please submit your comments by June 2, 2025.</p>
3	Enbridge Gas’ Commitment	<p>Enbridge Gas provides safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to more than 3.9 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers across Ontario.</p> <p>Enbridge Gas will carefully consider all input on the Project and is dedicated to engaging with Indigenous communities, agencies, interest groups, and community members throughout the regulatory process. Enbridge Gas commits to providing up-to-date information in an open, honest, and respectful manner.</p> <p>Enbridge Gas is committed to environmental stewardship and conducts all of its operations in an environmentally responsible manner.</p>
4	Purpose of the Public Information Session	<p>The purpose of this Public Information Session is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide information on the Project purpose and present the Preferred Route• Discuss the route selection process and how stakeholder input was included in the routing analysis; and• Present the potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures for the construction and operation of the Project.

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5	Project Overview – Preferred Route	<p>Through the environmental study and ongoing consultation with the public, stakeholders, and Indigenous communities, Enbridge Gas and Dillon have selected the Preliminary Preferred Route (PPR) as the Preferred Route for the Project.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Project involves the Preferred Route tying into the existing Enbridge Gas network at Goldstein Road near Highway 11, potential upgrades to an existing station on New Brailey Line and installing a 3 kilometre gas pipeline along Agnew Road from Goldstein to Shoreview Drive, crossing Highway 11. Distribution pipelines will be installed within the Township of Severn, around Lake Saint George, and Shoreview Drive around Highway 11. Phase 1 is approximately 9 kilometres of 2-inch and 4-inch pipelines.</p> <p>Phase 2 proposes installing a new station near Graham Road and Pasture Lane, connecting to TC Energy’s pipeline. Approximately 5 kilometres of gas pipeline is proposed along Graham Road, Southwood Road, Severn River Road, Trent Trail, Canal Road, Cooper Falls Road, and Muskoka Street, with a crossing of the Severn River near the Canadian National Railway bridge. An additional 5 kilometres is proposed within the distribution areas. Phase 2 is approximately 10 kilometres of 2-inch and 4-inch pipelines.</p> <p>Phase 3 (Eastern Section) continues the Preferred Route along Muskoka Street from Phase 2 into the community of Washago and installation of distribution lines within the community. Phase 3 is approximately 4 kilometres of 2-inch and 4-inch pipelines.</p> <p>The Project will be located mainly within the municipal road right-of-way, and may require easements, working space, and lay-down areas during construction.</p>
6	Enbridge Gas’ Engagement with Indigenous Peoples	<p>Enbridge recognizes the diversity of Indigenous Peoples who live where we work and operate. We understand that certain laws and policies have had destructive impacts on Indigenous cultures, languages, and the social and economic well-being of Indigenous Peoples. We also recognize the importance of reconciliation between Indigenous Peoples and broader society. We are committed to building positive and sustainable relationships with Indigenous Peoples, based on trust and respect, and focused on finding common goals through open dialogue.</p> <p>The Indigenous engagement program is based on adherence to the Ontario Energy Board Guidelines and Enbridge Inc.’s company-wide Indigenous Peoples Policy, which Enbridge Gas follows. Enbridge’s Indigenous Peoples Policy lays out key principles for establishing relationships with Indigenous groups, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizing the importance of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the context of existing Canadian law• Recognizing the legal and constitutional rights possessed by Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the importance of the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional lands and resources• Engaging early to achieve meaningful relationships with Indigenous groups by providing timely exchanges of information, understanding and addressing Indigenous Project-specific concerns, and ensuring ongoing dialogue regarding its Projects, their potential impacts and benefits• Aligning Enbridge’s interests with those of Indigenous communities through meaningful, direct Indigenous economic activity in Projects corresponding to community capacity and Project needs, where possible
7	Project Distribution System	<p>This map provides an overview of the proposed Project components. The selected route is highlighted in pink on the map. The Alternative Routes that were considered during the preliminary assessment but are no longer being pursued have been removed. You may pause this video if you need additional time to review the map. An interactive map is available on the Virtual Public Information Session website.</p>

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8	Environmental Study Process	<p>As part of the planning process, Enbridge Gas has retained Dillon to undertake an Environmental Study for the Project. The study will fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Energy Board’s Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction, and Operation of Hydrocarbon Projects and Facilities in Ontario.</p> <p>The ongoing study will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake engagement to understand the views of interested and potentially affected parties• Consult and engage with Indigenous communities to understand interests and potential impacts• Be conducted during the earliest phase of the Project• Identify potential impacts of the Project• Develop environmental mitigation and protective measures to avoid or reduce potential impacts• Develop an appropriate environmental inspection, monitoring, and follow-up program
9	Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Review and Approval Process	<p>It is anticipated that the Environmental Report for the study will be completed in June 2025. Once complete, Enbridge Gas plans to file a Leave-to-Construct application for the Project with the Ontario Energy Board. The application to the Ontario Energy Board will include the following information on the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need for the Project• The Preferred Route and Alternative Routes• Environmental Report and mitigation measures• Project costs and economics• Pipeline design and construction• Land requirements• Consultation with Indigenous communities, regulatory agencies, stakeholders, and the public <p>The Ontario Energy Board’s review and approval are required before the proposed project can proceed. If approved, construction could begin in late 2026.</p> <p>Additional information about the Ontario Energy Board process can be found on the Ontario Energy Board website.</p>
10	Consultation and Engagement	<p>We are committed to a comprehensive consultation process and want to hear from you. Consultation and engagement are key components of the Environmental Report.</p> <p>At the outset of the Project, Enbridge Gas submits a Project Description to the Ministry of Energy and Mines. Upon review, the Ministry determines potential impacts on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights and identifies Indigenous communities that Enbridge Gas will consult with during the entirety of the Project.</p> <p>The consultation and engagement program helps identify and address Indigenous community and stakeholder concerns and issues, provides information about the Project to the stakeholders and allows for participation in the Project review and development process.</p> <p>Input during engagement and consultation will be used to help finalize the pipeline route and mitigation plans for the Project.</p> <p>Once the Leave-to-Construct application is made to the Ontario Energy Board, parties with an interest in the Project, including members of the public, can participate in the process.</p>

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11	Consultation and Engagement To-Date	<p>The following consultation activities have taken place for the Project to-date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notice of Upcoming Project:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Notice of Upcoming Project was sent to identified Indigenous communities via email on March 4, 2025.○ The Notice of Upcoming Project was sent to the Project contact list via email on March 3, 2025.• Notice of Study Commencement and Invitation to Public Information Session #1:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Notice of Study Commencement was sent to identified Indigenous communities via email on March 20, 2025.○ The Notice of Study Commencement was sent to the Project contact list via email on March 28, 2025, and to homes and businesses in the study area via Canada Post neighbourhood mail the week of March 24, 2025.○ The Notice of Study Commencement was published in Orillia Matters from March 28, 2025, to April 17, 2025.• Public Information Session #1:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Enbridge and Dillon hosted an in-person public information session at the Washago Lions Club on April 14, 2025.○ Enbridge and Dillon hosted a virtual public information session #1 that was live from April 14, 2025, to April 27, 2025.• Notice of Public Information Session #2:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Notice of Public Information Session #2 was sent to identified Indigenous communities via email on May 15, 2025.○ The Notice of Public Information Session #2 was sent to the Project Contact list via email on May 12, 2025, and to homes and businesses in the study area via Canada Post neighbourhood mail the week of May 12, 2025.○ The Notice of Public Information Session #2 was published in Orillia Matters from May 12, 2025, to June 2, 2025.
12	Consultation and Engagement – What we heard	<p>The themes of the input received through consultation and engagement to-date are summarized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions and comments about Project logistics, including timeline, methods of construction, the proposed distribution areas, and natural environment features in the Study Area• Large amount of support for the Project from individual consumers• Questions about connecting to natural gas• General concerns related to financial implications for taxpayers• General concerns related to the protection of natural environment features• Comments about potential presence of species at risk in the Study Area• Comments about the locations of habitat corridors and potential pinch points for animal movement in the Study Area
13	Environmental Assessment Process and Timeline	<p>This slide outlines the general environmental assessment process for the Project, beginning with determining the need for the Project through to submission of the final Environmental Report to the Ontario Energy Board.</p>

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14	Environment, Health and Safety Policy	<p>Enbridge Gas is committed to protecting the health and safety of all individuals affected by its activities.</p> <p>Enbridge Gas will provide a safe and healthy working environment and will not compromise the health and safety of any individual. Its goal is to have no workplace incidents and to mitigate, to the extent feasible, its impacts on the environment. To achieve this goal, Enbridge Gas will work with our stakeholders, peers, and others to promote responsible environmental practices and continuous improvement.</p> <p>Enbridge Gas is committed to environmental protection and stewardship, and recognizes that pollution prevention, biodiversity, and resource conservation are key to a sustainable environment. All employees are responsible and accountable for contributing to a safe working environment, for fostering safe working attitudes, and for operating in an environmentally responsible manner.</p>
15	Access and Land Requirements along the Preferred Route	<p>While most of the pipeline route will be constructed within municipal road right-of-way, some circumstances requiring access agreements, permanent easements, or temporary working space during construction could result in the need for additional land outside of the road right-of-way.</p> <p>Enbridge Gas has a comprehensive Landowner Relations Program that uses a dedicated Lands Advisor who would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide direct contact and liaison between affected landowners and Enbridge Gas.• Be available to the affected landowner during the length of the Project and throughout construction activities.• Act as a singular point of contact for all landowners, and address concerns and questions.• Address any land matters relating to the temporary use of property, access agreements, permanent easements, and impacts or remedies to property.
16	Constructing an Enbridge Gas Pipeline	<p>This slide shows a figure depicting a typical pipeline construction sequence. Steps 1 to 5 (Site Preparation) may not necessarily apply to this Project, since the pipeline is going to be installed mainly within the existing municipal road right-of-way; however, it still provides a useful illustration of the general steps in the pipeline construction process. You may wish to pause the video at this time in order to review the construction phases illustrated here.</p>
17	Constructing an Enbridge Gas Pipeline (continued)	<p>This slide shows a series of photos depicting a typical construction sequence. You may wish to pause the video at this time in order to review the construction sequence illustrated in the four photos.</p>
18	Pipeline Design	<p>The plastic pipeline is designed to meet or exceed the regulations of the Canadian Standards Association and the applicable public safety regulations administered by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority.</p> <p>Enbridge Gas takes many steps to ensure the safe, reliable operation of their network of natural gas pipelines, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designing, constructing, and testing their pipelines to meet or exceed requirements set by industry standards and regulatory authorities• Continuously monitoring their network• Performing field surveys to detect leaks and confirm that corrosion prevention methods are working as intended
19	Horizontal Directional Drilling Procedures	<p>Horizontal directional drilling is a trenchless method of installing underground facilities. This construction method is often used to drill a pathway under a waterway or other sensitive crossing to minimize the environmental impact.</p> <p>Permits will be obtained from the required regulatory authorities and appropriate mitigation measures for watercourse crossings will be implemented.</p>

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20	Horizontal Directional Drilling Procedures (continued)	This slide shows a figure depicting typical horizontal directional drilling procedures. You may wish to pause the video at this time in order to review the procedures illustrated here.
21	Socio-economic Features along the Preferred Route	<p>This slide lists examples of potential effects on the socio-economic environment and the proposed mitigation measures that are being considered in the environmental assessment.</p> <p>Measures will be implemented during construction to reduce noise, control dust, and maintain traffic flow on affected roads. Typical construction days and times are Monday to Saturday, 7 am to 5 pm.</p>
22	Cultural Heritage Resources along the Preferred Route	<p>A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment and Cultural Heritage Screening are currently being conducted for the Project and all three options were assessed. The reports will be included as an appendix in the Environmental Report.</p> <p>This slide lists examples of potential effects on cultural heritage resources and the proposed mitigation measures that are being considered in the environmental assessment.</p>
23	Aquatic Resources along the Preferred Route	<p>This slide lists examples of potential effects on aquatic resources and the proposed mitigation measures that are being considered in the environmental assessment.</p> <p>The Project study area includes portions of the Severn River, Green Island Bay Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland, and unevaluated wetlands.</p> <p>The Project would be constructed mainly within the municipal road right-of-way, therefore limiting the potential for adverse effects on aquatic resources. Temporary workspace, where required, will be sited to avoid sensitive environmental features.</p>
24	Terrestrial Resources along the Preferred Route	<p>This slide lists examples of potential effects on terrestrial resources and the proposed mitigation measures that are being considered in the environmental assessment.</p> <p>As noted on the previous slide, the Project would be constructed mainly within the municipal road right-of-way, therefore limiting the potential for adverse effects on terrestrial resources. Temporary workspace, where required, will be sited to avoid sensitive environmental features.</p>
25	Next Steps	<p>After this Public Information Session, Enbridge Gas intends to pursue the following schedule of activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of the Environmental Report and filing the Project application with the Ontario Energy Board in the third quarter of 2025• Anticipated Ontario Energy Board approval, permitting, pipeline design and construction planning in the second quarter of 2026• Anticipated construction starts in late 2026

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26	Thank You	<p>Thank you for participating in the Virtual Public Information Session!</p> <p>We want to hear from you! Please complete the comment form on the Virtual Public Information Session website at www.WashagoEA.com to provide your input on the Project. If you would prefer, you can also submit your feedback by email to WashagoEA@dillon.ca.</p> <p>Please submit your feedback by June 2, 2025, so it can be considered in the Environmental Report that will be submitted to the Ontario Energy Board.</p> <p>For more information, or to submit comments or questions, please use the contact information provided on this slide to contact a member of the Project team.</p>