The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 7.2.

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Title: Municipality of Tweed Resolution - Support for Natural Gas to Secure Access to

Affordable Energy

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon Seconded By: Tim Elphick

Whereas access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability;

And Whereas the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Municipality of Brockton;

And Whereas Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Brockton supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

And Further that the Municipality of Brockton recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification:

And Further that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

And Further that the Municipality of Brockton supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

And Further that this resolution be circulated to the AMO, Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, the Ministry of Energy, MPP Lisa Thompson, Enbridge Gas Inc., EPCOR, and the Municipality of Tweed.

Carried

Original Signed By Mayor - Chris Peabody