



## Happy summer from Enbridge

Welcome to our latest digital newsletter providing information and updates about our upcoming and ongoing projects, many of which are helping us bridge to a cleaner energy future, investments in communities, and our commitment to safety. We expect to send a couple of these updates per year. Please take a look and reach out if you have any questions or would like to meet with us, virtually or in person. You can find contact information for our Community and Indigenous Engagement team at the end of this newsletter.

On behalf of our team, we hope you are having a great start to the summer!

– Catherine Pennington, Manager, Community and Indigenous Engagement (Ontario and Québec).

## IRAP commitment progress

Our [Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan](#) (IRAP) continues our long-held commitment to strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities across North America and advancing reconciliation. It represents an important next step, allowing us to track and report on our progress against tangible commitments. Enbridge has a strong track record of engaging with Indigenous communities across North America, over many years, about our projects and operations. That includes building relationships, creating economic opportunities, working to maximize benefits, and incorporating feedback into our plans and designs.

One of the first such plans to focus on reconciliation from a North American perspective, the report lays out 22 commitments organized into six pillars:

1. People, employment and education
2. Community engagement and relationships
3. Economic inclusion and partnerships
4. Environmental stewardship and safety
5. Sustainability, reporting and energy transition
6. Governance and leadership



Our IRAP will serve as the roadmap by which we will continue our journey to advance truth and reconciliation. It is the mechanism by which we will remain accountable for executing on our commitments and to our partners, including Indigenous peoples.

To read more about our IRAP you can check it out at [enbridge.com/IRAP](https://enbridge.com/IRAP).

## Gas Distribution integrated resource planning activities

Over the next 30 years, Ontario's population is expected to grow by nearly 5.3 million. Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) is an enhanced planning strategy and process specific to Enbridge's gas distribution business. It involves the evaluation of non-pipeline alternatives that could be used to avoid implementing a traditional pipeline project to meet a system need. When evaluating these alternatives, safety, cost-effectiveness and reliability are all considered. Some non-pipeline alternatives can include demand side alternatives which work to lower energy use through energy efficiency programs or demand response programs. It can also involve the use of supply side alternatives which work to deliver more energy without adding new pipeline using compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquified natural gas (LNG). Supply side alternatives also include displacing conventional natural gas with carbon-neutral renewable natural gas and hydrogen, and by adding supply through upstream deliveries. These alternatives can be implemented individually or in combination to meet system need cost-effectively and within the required timeframe. More information on Integrated Resource Planning can be found on our [Regional Planning web page](#).

## Employment commitment

Enbridge is committed to creating and nurturing organizational structures that support opportunities to attract, retain and develop the skills of Indigenous people at all levels and in positions that make Enbridge the place to build their careers in a culturally-supportive work environment. Through the development of our [Indigenous Employment Program](#), we have:

- Established an internal Indigenous employment initiative working group
- Hired an Indigenous recruiter
- Provided guidance for culturally appropriate interview processes
- Expand Indigenous Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) within Enbridge
- Continued to maintain contact information for Indigenous groups with respect to job opportunities

We also continue to implement and expand cultural support programs and explore development of policies and procedures to support Indigenous attraction and retention.

One of the ways we strive for this is through participation in career fairs. We encourage you to share upcoming career fair opportunities for our Indigenous employment team to attend.

## Supply chain management: Indigenous businesses

In 2022, we focused on reaching out to Indigenous communities and top tier suppliers to introduce our procurement processes aimed at increasing Indigenous inclusion in our supply chain. Through this effort, we are beginning to see more businesses being put forward by Indigenous communities for contracting and subcontracting opportunities associated with our operations across Ontario. Enbridge and its biggest suppliers are beginning to tap into this capacity to get work done safely, while providing economic benefits to help build Indigenous economies. It is through strengthening our Indigenous supply chain that we continue to ensure Enbridge fulfills its promise to deliver safe, reliable and affordable energy. To learn more about how you can be part of Enbridge's Indigenous supply chain, please visit us at [Indigenous Economic Engagement](#) or contact us at [indigenousbusiness@enbridge.com](mailto:indigenousbusiness@enbridge.com).

## Expert advice, incentives and free upgrades to save energy and money

Enbridge Gas is committed to reconciliation, and we value the connection to the land of our Indigenous friends and partners. We aim to continue building meaningful, long-term relationships with the many Indigenous communities in Ontario and we hope to create opportunities that are aligned with community needs and aspirations. Through our program offerings, we hope to support and invest in Indigenous communities, while facilitating Indigenous economic engagement. We have the following program offerings for non-profit:

[Home Winterproofing Program](#) is a free program for single-family homes that makes energy saving easy and offers more comfort all year round. If your home qualifies, you could get free upgrades including:

- Upgraded insulation
- Draft proofing
- A smart thermostat

Our [Affordable Housing Multi-Family Conservation program](#) can help you earn incentives for energy-efficient upgrades. During your energy assessment, our Energy Solution Advisors will offer you a tailored approach to find the right solution. Enbridge Gas offers incentives on:

- Energy assessments
- Energy-efficient boilers
- Control systems
- Heat recovery units and more

When upgrading to high-efficiency equipment, your building will be doing its part in the fight against climate change by reducing its carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.

## Line 5 update

Our engagement on Line 5 with the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa continues. In early May, the Band filed a motion to shut down Line 5. The judge recently provided a decision rejecting the filing, in part due to the importance of the pipeline to the economies of the U.S. and Canada. However, the decision includes a requirement to relocate the pipeline off Bad River reserve lands within three years.

While we disagree with elements of the decision and have filed an appeal, Enbridge continues to be committed to relocate the pipeline off the reserve and we believe we can do so within three years provided the approving agencies issue the necessary permits in a reasonable time.

Enbridge initiated the process to relocate the pipeline in 2020. We have all the landowner permissions along the reroute and it is fully engineered and environmentally planned. We are now waiting on federal and state permits to start the relocation project. Once permits are obtained, it will take about one year to complete the relocation.

Enbridge will continue to recommend and, if granted permission from the Bad River Band, implement riverbank erosion mitigations activities until the relocation is complete. In the meantime, Line 5 continues to operate safely and reliably, and we remain committed to working with the Bad River Band.

## Gas Distribution and Storage community expansion projects

We're working in many areas across Ontario as we prepare for future natural gas community expansion projects as part of the Ontario Government's Natural Gas Expansion Program. Engagement and consultation for all community expansion projects are ongoing. A summary of these projects is provided below with links, where available, for additional information.

### Haldimand Shores, Selwyn

Engagement and consultation are ongoing. The [Haldimand Shores Community Expansion Project](#) is near completion with regional handoff coming up. The [Selwyn Community Expansion Project](#) has been filed with the OEB and has ongoing consultation.

### Bobcaygeon

The [Bobcaygeon Community Expansion Project](#) is anticipated for OEB filing in June of 2023.

### Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

The [Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Community Expansion Project](#) has been filed with the OEB and a community open house was held on April 19, 2023.

### Hidden Valley

The [Hidden Valley Community Expansion Project](#) has been filed with the OEB and engagement and consultation is ongoing.

### Eganville

The [Eganville Community Expansion Project](#) Environmental Report was provided April 5, 2023 and engagement continues.

### Cherry Valley and Sanford

The [Cherry Valley Community Expansion Project](#) and [Sandford Community Expansion Project](#) have been initiated and the virtual open house information has been provided. Enbridge is currently preparing the Environmental Report for both projects.

### Neustadt

The [Neustadt Expansion Project](#) will bring affordable natural gas to the community of Neustadt. Virtual and in-person Public Information Sessions were held in March and comments incorporated into the Environmental Report.

### Boblo Island

Enbridge Gas is proposing to construct the [Boblo Island Community Expansion Project](#) to provide affordable natural gas to the community of Boblo Island in the Town of Amherstburg, Ontario. Environmental studies are underway for this project and consultation is ongoing.

## Gas projects to accommodate projects by other proponents

### Scarborough Subway Extension (Kennedy Station and Lawrence East Station Relocations)

Station relocations will be needed to accommodate construction of Metrolinx's Scarborough Subway Extension. A sufficiency letter has been received for the [Kennedy Station Relocation](#). Environmental studies are complete and a link has been sent to the Indigenous communities on the [Lawrence East Station Relocation](#). Engagement and consultation are ongoing with communities for these projects.

### East Harbour Relocation Project

Cadillac Fairview requested that Enbridge Gas relocate its existing natural gas pipeline to accommodate construction of the East Harbour development. The [East Harbour Relocation](#) will complete this relocation while maintaining existing natural gas service to customers in downtown Toronto. A virtual Public Information Session was held May 8 – 21, 2023. Information presented is available [here](#). A Leave to Construct application will be filed with the OEB in the fall of 2023.

## Other gas expansion projects

### Dundalk Reinforcement

The Dundalk Reinforcement project has been initiated and the Virtual Open House #1 will be available to view between June 19 to July 3, 2023.

### Panhandle Regional Expansion Project

Enbridge Gas is proposing to increase the capacity of our [Panhandle Transmission System](#), which serves residential, commercial, industrial, greenhouse, and power generation customers in Chatham-Kent, Windsor, Essex County, Lakeshore, Leamington, Kingsville, Essex, Amherstburg, LaSalle and Tecumseh. Originally scheduled to start construction in 2023, we are reassessing the staging of the project based on actual attachments to the system and can confirm that the project is in abeyance. We anticipate construction will be delayed to 2024.

### Dawn Corunna Project

Through the [Dawn Corunna Project](#), we are replacing some of our older natural gas storage and transmission assets in the in St. Clair Township area to maintain the safe and reliable operation of the system, and to continue meeting the natural gas needs of our customers. The Ontario Energy Board approved Enbridge's Leave to Construct on November 3, 2022 and project construction began on June 1, 2023.

### Greenstone Pipeline Project

The [Greenstone Pipeline Project](#) will be completed in 2023. This pipeline will service Greenstone Gold Mines GP Inc's Greenstone Mine Project in the Municipality of Greenstone, including the Town of Geraldton. Enbridge entered into a Project Agreement with Minodahmun Development LP, a business entity comprised of nearby First Nations.

## Hydrogen and low-carbon projects

### Gazifère Hydrogen Project

The Gazifère Hydrogen Project is new and upcoming. We look forward to working with communities on this project. To learn more read the article at [enbridge.com](https://enbridge.com).

### Watford Pipeline Project

Enbridge Gas is considering routes for a [Watford Pipeline](#) that, along with other infrastructure, could enable the inclusion of more renewable natural gas in our system.

Following public consultations in early December 2022, an additional route for this proposed pipeline was identified that ties into the existing Enbridge Gas system. An in-person and [virtual Public Information Session](#) was held on this route in March 2023.

A Leave to Construct application is tentatively scheduled to be filed in June 2023. If approved, construction on the pipeline and related stations could begin in the spring of 2024 and be complete by the end of 2024.

### Ridge Landfill

Waste Connections of Canada, with support from Enbridge Gas, is proposing to create a new [renewable natural gas facility at the Ridge Landfill](#) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help Ontario reach its 2030 climate change goals. The Leave to Construct for this project was approved by the Ontario Energy Board on April 6, 2023. Construction is expected to be completed by the spring of 2024.

## Liquids Pipelines projects

### Line 8 Grand River Depth of Cover Project

As part of our ongoing maintenance and monitoring of our assets, Enbridge discovered that the depth of cover of Line 8 was insufficient in the vicinity of the Grand River in North Dumfries, Ontario. This summer, additional aggregate will be safely placed over the pipeline to increase depth of cover and ensure the ongoing, safe operation of the pipeline. Given the proximity to the Grand River and the importance of this resource to local Indigenous communities, monitors have been invited to participate in aggregate placement activities.

### Imperial Oil Line 9 Abandonment Project

Enbridge Pipelines is currently seeking approval to abandon and remove the already decommissioned pipeline from Imperial Oil Lands in East-Montreal to accommodate sale of the land.

### Line 10 Carve Out Project

The Canada Energy Regulator approved sale of Line 10 to Westover Express (United Oil Refinery) in 2022. As part of the sale, Line 10 must be physically separated from Enbridge assets to allow for operation by Westover Express. This work is expected to be completed in the summer of 2023.

## Electricity transmission – East-West Tie project rebrand



Enbridge is a partner with NextEra Energy and OMERS Infrastructure for this project which went into service in March 2022. The partnership, formerly known as NextBridge Infrastructure has been re-branded as “East-West Tie”.

## Eastern Region staff updates

Montreal-based **Bruno Buchard** is the region's new **Emergency Response Specialist** for Liquids Pipelines in Ontario and Quebec. Bruno will support Eastern Region Operations personnel in implementation of Enbridge Liquid Pipelines preparedness and response programs, processes, procedures and initiatives within Canada. If you have a question about our Emergency Response preparedness and response programs, please reach out to Bruno at [bruno.bouchard@enbridge.com](mailto:bruno.bouchard@enbridge.com).

We are also pleased to welcome **Tausha Esquega, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Energy Conservation** from a Northwestern Ontario First Nation, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay First Nation) and is based out of Thunder Bay. Tausha will be developing and maintaining the strategic relationships with Indigenous communities across Ontario that will inform current and future Energy Conservation offerings. She will be coordinating the program delivery and communication, residential and/or commercial, to on-reserve Indigenous communities and off-reserve associations. You can reach Tausha at [tausha.esquega@enbridge.com](mailto:tausha.esquega@enbridge.com).

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