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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Dear Douglas Robertson,

Reference: Enbridge Gas Inc. – Merrickville-Wolford Community Expansion Project: Notice of Study Commencement and Information Sessions

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is proposing to construct the Merrickville-Wolford Community Expansion Project to supply the Village of Merrickville-Wolford on the north side of the Rideau River with affordable natural gas (the “Project”). The Project is located in the Municipality of Merrickville-Wolford and the Township of Montague.

The Village of Merrickville-Wolford currently has existing natural gas infrastructure; however, Enbridge Gas is proposing to serve the residents north of the Rideau River. The Project is planned to be mainly located within the existing municipal Right-of-Way (ROW), with the potential for Temporary Working Space (TWS). The Project consists of the construction of approximately 5 km of steel and polyethylene natural gas distribution pipeline, ranging from 2-inch to 4-inch. The Project may require the construction of a small regulation station.

Route alternatives to supply the northern side of the village are limited due to the existing natural gas infrastructure and the Project’s purpose of providing affordable natural gas to the community. These route alternatives are based on potential Rideau River watercourse crossing locations in order to address the presence of the canal, historic sites, and extensive rock formations. A Preliminary Proposed Route (PPR) and three Alternate Routes (AR) are proposed for the crossing of the Rideau River; please refer to Attachment 1 – Study Area.

The PPR will connect to the existing Enbridge Gas system just south of County Road 43 on Main Street East and runs west across the Rideau River, while the other three AR would connect to the existing system at St. Lawrence Street and Main Street East and run north across the river. All options would serve customers on the opposite side of the Rideau River, as shown in Attachment 1 – Study Area. Should AR1 or AR2 be selected as the preferred route, a reinforcement section would be required connecting at the same location and running along Main Street East from Charlotte Street to St. Lawrence Street.

Enbridge Gas has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) to undertake an Environmental Study for the Project as part of the planning process. The Environmental Study will fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Energy Board’s (OEB) “*Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction, and Operation of Hydrocarbon Projects and Facilities in Ontario, 8th Edition (2023)*”.

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An Environmental Report, summarizing the results of the Environmental Study, will accompany Enbridge Gas' application to the OEB as part of the application requesting leave to construct (LTC). It is anticipated that the Environmental Report for the study will be completed in February 2024, after which Enbridge Gas may file an LTC application. Construction is currently anticipated to begin in Q1 2025.

As an agency with jurisdiction or potential interest in developments in the area, you are invited to provide or coordinate comments regarding the proposed Project. Specifically, Stantec is seeking information regarding planning principles or guidelines implemented by your agency that may affect the routing, construction and/or operation of the proposed Project. Stantec is also seeking the collection of primary and secondary data to help compile an environmental and socio-economic inventory. Enbridge Gas has also retained Stantec to complete an Environmental Report along with a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment and a Cultural Heritage Checklist and Screening Report.

To support the quality of the assessment process, we also request that you share information regarding other proposed developments in the Study Area. This information will be incorporated into the Environmental Study and related report as a component of the cumulative effects assessment. **Please contact us to discuss the most efficient way to obtain this information.**

Consultation with Indigenous communities and engagement with landowners, government agencies, the public, and other interested persons is an integral component of the planning process. For this Project, Information Sessions will be held, and print copies of the materials will be made available for an in-person review. Input received will be used to inform the selection of the Preferred Route and to develop site-specific environmental protection or mitigation measures for this Project.

The In-person Information Session will be held as follows:

Location: Merrickville Memorial Community Recreation Centre
106 Read St, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0.

Date/time: September 6th, 2023, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

A Virtual Information Session will be available from **September 4th, 2023**, and finishing on **September 17th, 2023**, at <https://www.solutions.ca/MerrickvilleWolfordEA>

Print copies of the Information Session materials will also be available for in-person review at the following locations:

- Village of Merrickville-Wolford Municipal Office - 317 Brock St. West, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0
- Merrickville Public Library - 446 Main St. West, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

A questionnaire will be available as part of the Information Sessions, and you will have the ability to submit comments and/or questions about the proposed Project. In addition, a copy of the Information Session storyboards will be available on the Enbridge Gas project website at:

<https://www.enbridgegas.com/MerrickvilleWolford>

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We kindly request that your agency provides any initial input and comments regarding the Project by October 3rd, 2023. Please let us know if you are unable to respond by this date but are interested in participating in the consultation process for the Project.

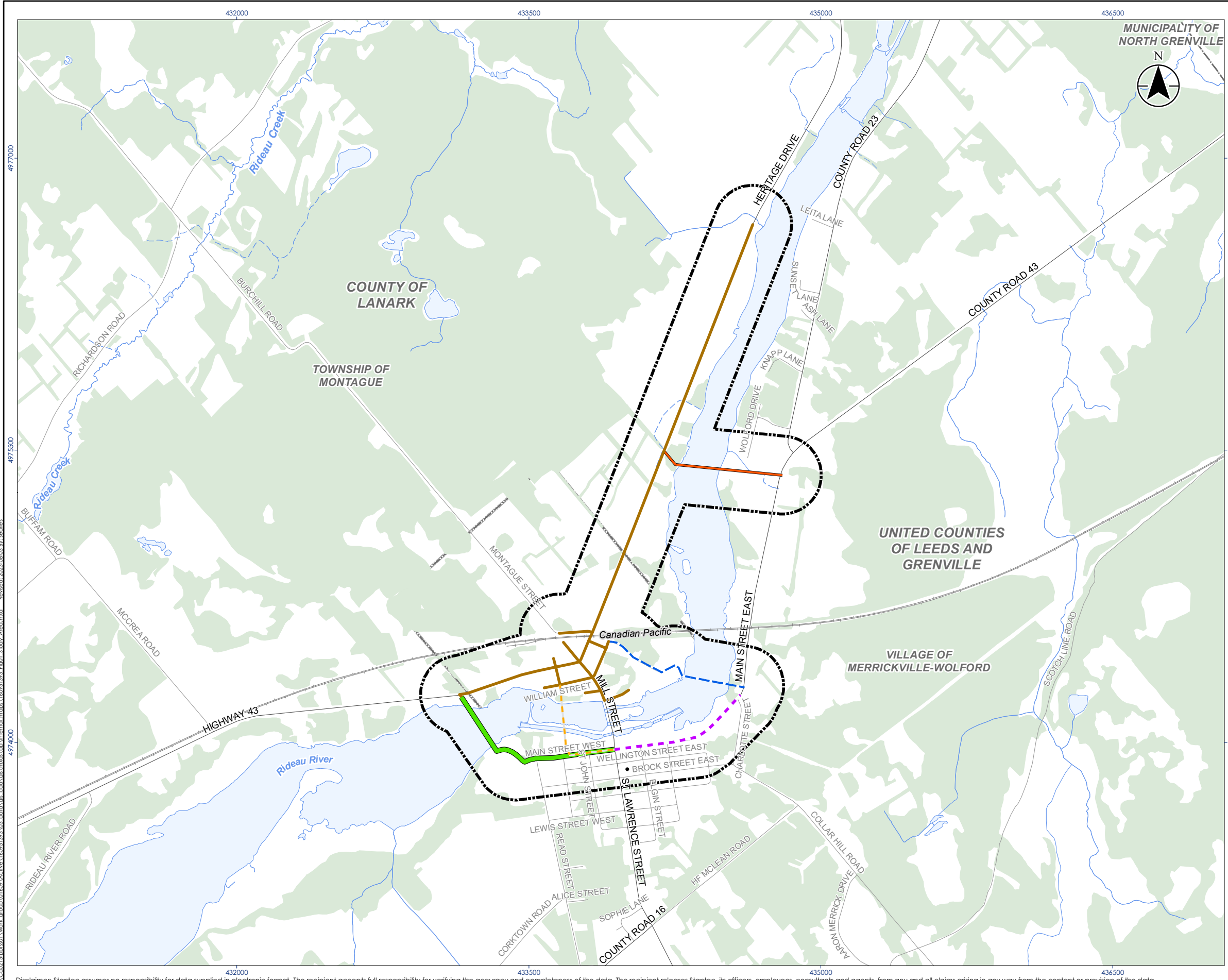
If you have questions or concerns regarding the Merrickville-Wolford Community Expansion Project, please do not hesitate to email the Project team at MerrickvilleWolfordEA@stantec.com or contact the undersigned.

Regards,

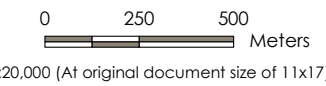
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Attachments: Figure 1 – Study Area

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- Legend**
- Proposed Natural Gas Distribution Pipeline
 - Preliminary Preferred Route
 - Alternate Route 1
 - Alternate Route 2
 - Alternate Route 3
 - Reinforcement
 - Study Area
 - Major Road
 - Minor Road
 - Railway
 - Watercourse (Intermittent)
 - Watercourse (Permanent)
 - Municipal Boundary, Lower
 - Municipal Boundary, Upper
 - Waterbody
 - Wooded Area



- Notes**
1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 18N
 2. Base features produced under license with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry © Queen's Printer for Ontario, 2022.



Project Location: TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE AND VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD
 Client/Project: ENBRIDGE GAS INC.
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Figure No. **1**
 Title **Study Area**