



January 7, 2022

Re. Cedar Springs New Natural Gas Pipeline Deferral

Dear Mayor Meed Ward and Burlington Councillors,

We write to you today concerning a proposal by Enbridge Gas for a [new natural gas pipeline construction in North Burlington](#). Enbridge is proposing approximately 6 kilometers of natural gas pipeline in the road allowance of Britannia Road, Cedar Springs Road, Cedar Springs Court, as well as a portion of 2 Side Road and Medad Springs Crescent.

We remind the City Council that supporting new fossil fuel projects in the city contravenes the Council's declaration of a climate emergency and the understanding that in order to reduce our GHG emissions we must prohibit investment in new fossil fuel infrastructure. Energy and climate experts recommend that we redouble our efforts to electrify our home heating and cooling systems, and bring sufficient renewable sources online to provide for that need.

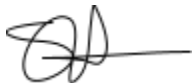
On December 22, 2021 City of Kingston Council, which has also declared a Climate Emergency and shares many of Burlington's sustainability goals, [deferred a natural gas expansion project, citing a need for information on long-term liabilities, costs and carbon impact of new gas pipelines](#).

“The \$3.6-million expansion of the natural gas piping infrastructure is an unfair taxpayer subsidy of a soon-to-be-stranded asset,” Mark Sibley of 350 Kingston said. “We must phase out natural gas. Our house is on fire, so we should not add fuel.”

We ask, at the very least, that Burlington City Council follow Kingston's lead and defer this proposal for new fossil fuel infrastructure pending more information, and work to create incentives for renewable energy production and use in our city. While the Niagara Escarpment Commission will be a key agency involved in this proposal, our city council has a fundamental role to play. In order to be a climate leader, meet our Net Zero emissions targets, and build a resilient, healthy community we need to make wise decisions today.

Thank you.

Sarah Harmer

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Amy Schnurr

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