

# EPCOR UTILITIES INC.

## NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINES TO SERVE SOUTHERN BRUCE COUNTY

The municipalities of Arran-Elderslie, Kincardine and Huron-Kinloss (the "Municipalities") in Southern Bruce County, Ontario, and EPCOR Utilities Inc. ("EPCOR") invite the public to attend information sessions to learn more about the proposed natural gas utility project.

EPCOR is proposing to build:

- A natural gas distribution network in the communities of Southern Bruce County, with a total length of approximately 145 kilometres (km).
- A natural gas pipeline transmission segment from Wingham Meter Station to Bruce Industrial Park by way of Ripley and Kincardine. This will consist of approximately 75 km of Nominal Pipe Size (NPS) 8-inch steel extra high pressure (XHP) pipeline.
- A natural gas pipeline transmission segment from Dornoch Meter Station to Paisley by way of Chesley. This will consist of approximately 35 km of NPS 4-inch XHP pipeline.

A preliminary location and study area of the proposed distribution network and natural gas transmission pipelines is identified on the map but is subject to change dependant on consultation and route optimization.

As part of the planning process, EPCOR has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. ("Stantec") to undertake an environmental study of the construction and operation of the natural gas pipelines (the "Environmental Study"). The Environmental Study will fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) "Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario, Sixth Edition (2011)".



The current schedule provides for completing the report for the Environmental Study in the spring of 2016, after which EPCOR will file an application for the proposed distribution network and natural gas transmission pipelines with the OEB. Under Section 90 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, the OEB's review and approval is required before the project can proceed. If approved, construction of the pipelines is currently expected to begin no earlier than Q1 2017.

The Environmental Study process will include consultation and engagement with landowners, Aboriginal communities, government agencies and other interested persons. Public consultation is an integral component of the Environmental Study and related report. Three Information Sessions followed by a presentation are being held for the public to learn more about EPCOR and the proposed project. The Information Sessions will be held as follows:

**Thursday, October 15th, 2015**  
**Chesley Community Centre**  
129 4th Avenue South East,  
Chesley, Ontario  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Presentation: 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 16th, 2015**  
**Ripley-Huron Community Centre**  
Upstairs Auditorium  
17 Queen Street, Ripley, Ontario  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Presentation: 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 17, 2015**  
**Kincardine Municipal Administration Centre**  
Public Hall  
1475 Concession 5, RR #5, Kincardine, Ontario  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Presentation: 1:30 p.m.

Representatives from the Municipalities, EPCOR and Stantec will be available to explain the project and answer questions regarding routing, design and scheduling. Input received will be used to confirm both the existing environmental conditions and the preliminary preferred pipeline route and to develop site specific protection or mitigation measures for the project.

To learn more or for any additional questions or comments regarding the Environmental Study or the proposed project please do not hesitate to contact the following:

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