

Waterloo Region
Home Builders'
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Regional Municipality of Waterloo,
Regional Council
150 Frederick Street
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Via email to: Regional Clerk <RegionalClerk@regionofwaterloo.ca>

Dear Chair Redman and Regional Council,

**RE: 19 NOV 2025 Council Agenda Item 11.1 – PDL-LEG-25-039, New Franchise Agreement,
Enbridge Gas Inc**

On behalf of the Waterloo Region Home Builders' Association (WRHBA), we are writing to express our strong support for continued access to reliable and affordable natural gas in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, and to encourage Council to renew its Municipal Franchise Agreement (MFA).

Our members are on the front lines of delivering the housing Ontario urgently needs and are key partners in helping the Region achieve its goal of creating 3,500 affordable homes by the end of 2029. From single-family residences to multi-residential developments, natural gas remains an essential energy source, enabling timely construction, cost-effective servicing, and long-term affordability for homeowners.

In a region where housing targets are ambitious and affordability challenges continue to grow, natural gas provides unmatched reliability and cost-efficiency, particularly during periods of peak demand. It supports the infrastructure required to unlock new housing supply, while helping to keep construction timelines and budgets on track.

As Ontario's energy needs evolve, builders require infrastructure that is scalable, predictable, and integrated with broader planning. The province's Integrated Energy Plan underscores the importance of long-term certainty in our energy system to sustain housing delivery, economic growth, and community resilience.

For more than 25 years, the Model Franchise Agreement has provided a consistent, province-wide framework that enables coordinated infrastructure planning and servicing certainty—tools that builders rely on to meet municipal growth targets.

We respectfully urge Regional Council to reaffirm its commitment to energy choice and affordability by renewing the MFA. The WRHBA stands ready to support this discussion and to advocate for the energy solutions our members depend on to build the homes Ontario needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Waterloo Region Home Builders Assoc.



Marie Schroeder
Chief Executive Officer

~ WATERLOO REGION HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION (WRHBA) ~

Constituted in 1946, the Waterloo Region Home Builders Association (WRHBA) is the recognized leader and the official voice of the new residential home construction, land development, and professional renovation industry in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Ontario.

With a focus on innovation and excellence in the planning and the building of sustainable communities and in the redevelopment and renovation of existing ones, the WRHBA works with all levels of government to establish fair and effective policies that impact and contribute to ensure an adequate land supply towards delivering all forms of housing types, choice for consumers and housing affordability measures.