

March 14, 2022

General Committee
c/o City Clerk's Office
City of Barrie Legislative Services
PO Box 400, Barrie, ON
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By Email: cityclerks@barrie.ca (for circulation)

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Re: Letter of Support for Barrie's Community Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan

On behalf of Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge"), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the proposed Community Energy and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Plan on the General Committee's agenda on March 21, 2022.

Having declared a Climate Emergency and already directed city staff to create a corporate Climate Change Mitigation Plan in 2019, developing a community-based Energy and GHG Reduction Plan was the logical next step; one that would align the net-zero targets of both plans.

Enbridge has been a participating member of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) since its inception and has appreciated the opportunity to participate and provide feedback into the plan's development.

Given our scale and experience, Enbridge is uniquely positioned to partner with the City of Barrie on low carbon solutions, through our diverse energy offerings, across multiple markets that improve energy efficiency and lower emissions. These solutions include cleaner technologies for transportation; green fuels like renewable natural gas and hydrogen; conservation programs; and low carbon heating technologies such as heat pumps and hybrid heating systems, solar photovoltaic (PV) and geothermal loops.

In partnership with Sean Mason Homes at their future Rainwater development in the City of Barrie, geothermal technology will be implemented for heating and cooling; eliminating onsite carbon emissions associated with heating and

reducing the combined energy costs by 25-30%—an exciting partnership in low carbon energy for new construction.

A local Barrie company is also making contributions to a low carbon future. Wolf Steel Ltd., better known as Napoleon, is the largest privately-owned manufacturer of fireplaces, grills, and gas furnaces in North America. In 2021, Napoleon was one of five HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) manufacturer participants in an Enbridge Gas Hybrid Heating Pilot Project in London, Ontario. At that time, Napoleon introduced a newly developed air-source heat pump and enabled the installation of 28 units as part of the pilot—a contribution to energy efficiency, sustainability, and a low carbon future by a local Barrie employer.

Many of our employees live and work in the City of Barrie and we know climate change action matters to them. We are committed community partners with a vested interest in the City's livability, quality of life and low carbon future.

We applaud the City of Barrie and fellow members of the SAG for their leadership and look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to further our mutual and collective climate and energy objectives in support of a cleaner, greener future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sarah Van Der Paelt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Van Der Paelt
Director, Energy Conservation and Marketing
Enbridge Gas Inc.