

GTA PROJECT ASHTONBEE REGULATION FACILITY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is a Regulation Facility and why do you need it?

Regulation facilities are designed to reduce the pressure in the system prior to the gas flowing into the local distribution area. These facilities are used within our system to ensure the safe operating pressure of our pipelines and maintain a reliable distribution network.

Enbridge Gas Distribution's system has not had any major updates in the GTA for 20 years and in that time the total number of Enbridge Gas customers has almost doubled from 1.1 million (1992) to over 2.1 million (2015) customers. Additional infrastructure is needed in order to meet the increased natural gas requirement of our customers.

The Ashtonbee facility would be approximately 60 m by 30 m in size and requires approximately 150 m of buried gas inlet/outlet piping.

2. When is construction planned for the project? What about noise and traffic disruption?

Construction is proposed to occur between Spring 2016 and Fall 2016. Enbridge Gas will abide by all municipal Noise By-Laws for the duration of the construction period, and will work to reduce the noise impact on local residents. Some traffic disruption may be necessary to ensure worker safety and security. Should traffic disruption be necessary, it will likely be for short periods.

3. How safe is the project?

Safety is a priority at Enbridge Gas and we have operated a natural gas distribution system for over 160 years. Our system currently has over 35,000 km of pipelines, and there are almost 250 km of large diameter high pressure pipelines installed within the GTA.

The proposed facility will be designed, constructed and tested to meet or exceed all applicable safety standards and regulations. As well, the project will be operated, monitored and maintained to meet or exceed all applicable pipeline safety standards and regulations.

More detailed information on pipeline safety is available on our project website at:
www.enbridgegas.com/gtaproject

During construction, Enbridge Gas will properly fence the construction area and provide appropriate signage. Enbridge Gas will work with local recreational groups to minimize potential impacts to the extent possible.

4. What happens if I have a complaint during construction?

Enbridge Gas will be available during the construction period to help residents and businesses deal with issues. Enbridge Gas is committed to resolving all issues or concerns.

5. What happens next?

Enbridge Gas will continue with detailed planning of the facility. This will include inspections and documentation of all natural and manmade features within the proposed construction footprint. Enbridge Gas will consult with local stakeholders and reduce potential impacts to the extent possible during the planning phase. Results of this study will be provided in the Environmental Report Amendment #3.

Enbridge Gas is regulated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB). Enbridge is committed to meeting standards and regulations relating to the protection of the environment and public safety.

More information can be found at the OEB website, reference - *Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario, 6th ed. 2011*, as well as on the Ministry of Infrastructure's website, reference - *Public Work Class Environmental Assessment, Office Consolidation, October, 2012*.

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