

PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINE REPLACEMENT NPS 20 REPLACEMENT CHERRY TO BATHURST NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND OPEN HOUSE CITY OF TORONTO, ONTARIO

The Study

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge) has retained Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) to begin an environmental study for approximately 4.5 kilometres (km) of natural gas pipeline. The project is required to replace an existing and critically important high pressure 20-inch steel natural gas pipeline that is currently located underground along Lake Shore Boulevard from Cherry Street to Remembrance Drive in Toronto. Once the study is complete, Enbridge may apply to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval to construct the new pipeline. If approved, construction may begin in spring 2021.

Enbridge has identified three potential routes that would be technically feasible for the replacement pipeline. These options are shown on the map below. Each route option runs from Bathurst Street to Cherry Street and need to make a number of connections along the waterfront. The routes generally parallel Lake Shore Boulevard, Harbour Street, and Queens Quay, and the pipeline would be installed within the municipal road rights-of-way, where possible. As the location is congested with ongoing developments, the identification of a preferred route option will require input from multiple stakeholders, including the City of Toronto, the public, Indigenous communities, regulatory agencies, and private interest groups.

The Process

The study is being conducted in accordance with the OEB's Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction, and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario. The study will review the need and justification for the pipeline, describe the natural and socio-economic environment, evaluate the potential facilities from a social and environmental perspective, outline safety measures, and describe appropriate measures for impact mitigation and monitoring.

Invitation to the Community

Stakeholder consultation is a key component of this study. Members of the general public, regulatory agencies, Indigenous communities and interest group representatives are invited to participate in the study. We are hosting an Open House to provide you with an opportunity to review the project and provide input. Details on the Open House are:

Location: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre (230 The Esplanade, Toronto)
Date: January 23, 2020 (Thursday)
Time: 5 PM to 8 PM

Representatives from Enbridge and Dillon will be in attendance to discuss the project and answer questions. Your input will be used to confirm the preferred route and create mitigation plans to be implemented during construction. If you are interested in participating, or would like to provide comments, please come to the meeting or contact one of the individuals listed as soon as possible.

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