



December 17, 2024

Ministry of Energy and Electrification
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Re: Proposed amendment to regulations under the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 to further streamline approvals for pipeline relocations or reconstructions to build infrastructure projects faster

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Peel Region appreciates the opportunity to comment on this proposed regulatory amendment. Peel Region staff is supportive of the proposal to streamline relocation or reconstruction of oil and gas pipelines in an effort to build housing, transit, and other essential infrastructure faster.

Peel Region Staff Comments and Questions

Peel Region staff agree that the proposed amendments aimed to streamline relocation or reconstruction of hydrocarbon pipelines will help road, water, and wastewater projects proceed faster.

Peel Region staff consider the proposed amendments will support the ability to construct, relocate, or rehabilitate water and wastewater infrastructure in a more coordinated and timely manner. This proposal will also aid other agencies, such as Metrolinx with transit projects, Ministry of Transportation with Highway 413 and other priority highway projects, and speed up Peel Region water and wastewater projects triggered by the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2023.

Peel Region staff suggests that the proposed regulatory amendments will allow faster turnaround time for road occupancy permits for Enbridge, allowing them to complete their work faster, avoid any potential conflicts with Peel Region projects and other contractors, and allow smoother coordination within the work zone.

To facilitate hydrocarbon pipeline relocation or reconstruction, Peel Region or the entity managing the infrastructure project must engage the hydrocarbon pipeline owners during the planning stage. Peel Region staff are requesting more information on how this consultation process should be carried out.

CONCLUSION

Peel Region appreciates the province's efforts to streamline processes that will speed up housing-enabling infrastructure projects.

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Jeff Hennings, Director – Water and Wastewater Engineering at jeff.hennings@peelregion.ca.

Kind Regards,

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