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Corporation of the County of Essex
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Subject: Notice of Tree Clearing Activities – Kingsville Transmission Reinforcement Project

Dear Warden McNamara and Members of County Council:

I am writing you today to provide an update on Union Gas' Kingsville Transmission Reinforcement Project and the upcoming project-related activities that will be occurring in Essex County.

Project background

To meet the growing residential, commercial and industrial demand for natural gas in Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent and surrounding areas, including the fast growing greenhouse market in the Leamington and Kingsville area, Union Gas is constructing a 20-inch natural gas pipeline in the Town of Lakeshore and Town of Kingsville. This project will help contribute to furthering economic development in the region by increasing access to affordable natural gas.

The pipeline will be approximately 19 km in length and will begin in the Town of Lakeshore at Union Gas' existing 20-inch Panhandle Pipeline (south of County Road 46), with a new valve site between Belle River Rd./CR 27 and Lakeshore Road 223. The proposed pipeline will end at a new valve site located in The Town of Kingsville at Concession Road 3 East and Graham Side Road.

In October 2017, County Council provided formal support for the project that was included as part of the project's application to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB).

In September 2018, the OEB approved the project.

We are currently in the process of working with the County to obtain all approvals required to support the project's construction.

Construction will commence in May 2019 and be complete by the end of 2019.

Upcoming project activities

In order to install this pipeline, it will be necessary for Union Gas and its Contractor to remove trees along the pipeline route. While most construction activities will not begin until May of 2019, tree removal is scheduled to commence in Essex County as early as late January through to March 2019; weather permitting, to avoid the bird nesting season and to take

advantage of frozen ground conditions which helps avoid rutting and related impacts to the soil.

We are committed to minimizing the effects of our projects and operations on the environment. To minimize the impact of tree removal, Union Gas will replace an area of trees twice that of those removed based on 1000 seedlings per acre, and will work closely with the local conservation authority and affected landowners on tree replacement.

As always, our construction activities will meet or exceed all applicable safety codes and construction standards.

Keeping you informed

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly and I will be pleased to assist.

Project information is regularly updated at: uniongas.com/Kingsville-Reinforcement

Sincerely,



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