

**WHEREAS** access to natural gas infrastructure is limited in parts of the city of Burlington and increased access will provided more affordable and reliable energy;

**AND WHEREAS** access to natural gas for residents, farms and business will provide an economic advantage;

**AND WHEREAS** natural gas access can provide residents on higher-emitting fuels with a lower carbon energy source that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

**THEREFORE BE IT** that the Council of the City of Burlington formally supports an application submitted by a natural gas distributor or supplier to the Government of Ontario, for a grant from the provincial Natural Gas Grant Program, to expand the natural gas system to service the area outlined in Appendix “A” to this resolution; and

**THAT** Council supports the City entering into a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement with a natural gas distributor or supplier to the Government of Ontario, pursuant to section 110 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, that would allow for the exemption of taxes levied for municipal and school purposes for a period of 10 years, on the new natural gas infrastructure as per the natural gas grant program requirements, subject to the satisfaction of the City solicitor and also authorize the mayor and clerk to execute; and

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded along with the application to Ontario’s Natural Gas Grant Program.