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Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Committee
c/o Suzanne Gilles, Committee Clerk
City of Burlington
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By Email: suzanne.gillies@burlington.ca

Members of Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Committee,

Re: Better Homes Burlington Support Letter

On behalf of Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas”) I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Better Homes Burlington – Home Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program, on the agenda of the Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Committee on March 3rd, 2022.

Enbridge has been a participating member of the Burlington Climate Action Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee since its inception, and has appreciated the opportunity to participate and provide feedback into this important facilitative initiative.

Retrofitting the existing building stock is a critical municipal decarbonization strategy that has additional environmental and socio-economic benefits. The proposed home energy efficiency retrofit program would be a mechanism through which these benefits can be realized.

We contribute to these benefits already through our Home Efficiency Rebate (“HER”) program, which offers financial incentives to assist with the purchase and installation of energy efficient solutions for homeowners that deliver increased comfort, reduced energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, and savings on energy costs.

In particular, through HER, we offer financial help for retrofit measures beyond what is proposed to be included in the Burlington’s program – each having the potential to compliment the city’s program and further lower homeowner energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions, and make homes more comfortable year-round. This includes rebates for insulation, new windows/doors, water heaters and home energy assessments. This creates the potential opportunity for cross-promotion of both programs to maximize the benefits to the residents of the City of Burlington. This cross-promotion and collaboration can be further enhanced

through the City's funding of an Energy Efficiency Delivery Centre staffed by knowledgeable Energy Concierges that can guide Burlington homeowners to the retrofit program best suited to their unique needs.

Given our scale and experience, Enbridge is uniquely positioned to be a partner to the City of Burlington on low carbon solutions, through our diverse energy offerings, across multiple markets that improve energy efficiency and lower emissions. These solutions go beyond conservation programs – to low carbon heating technologies such as geothermal loops, heat pumps and hybrid heating systems and solar photovoltaic (PV), to cleaner technologies for transportation and green fuels like renewable natural gas and hydrogen.

Many of our employees also live and work in the City of Burlington and we know climate change action matters to them. We are committed community partners with a vested interest in the city's livability, quality of life and low carbon future.

We applaud the City of Burlington and the Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College for their leadership and look forward to future collaborative opportunities through Better Homes Burlington and beyond, to further our mutual and collective climate and energy objectives in support of a cleaner, greener future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Van Der Paelt".

Sarah Van Der Paelt
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