

**Draft Council Resolution — Support for NGEF Phase 3 & local development targets**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Province has posted ERO 0250923, *Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion*, seeking feedback from municipalities, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders on how Phase Three (3) could best support access to natural gas for community development.

AND WHEREAS expanding access to natural gas is identified as a tool to support affordability and economic growth in Ontario communities, with Phases One (1) and Two (2) estimated to enable connections for approximately 17,000 buildings across 59 communities, and 16 projects completed to date.

AND WHEREAS **[Municipality]** is working toward its housing and employment land goals that contribute to Ontario’s broader objective to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031 and recognizes that timely servicing solutions (including natural gas where appropriate) can help enable these targets. **[CUSTOMIZE TO MUNICIPAL PRIORITY: housing, economic developments goals, commercial and industrial investments, agriculture production, etc.]**

AND WHEREAS Ontario’s energy future relies on a balance of affordability, reliability, and sustainability by leveraging a mix of energy solutions—including natural gas, electricity, and emerging energy technologies, to meet growing community needs. And whereas natural gas continues to play a critical role in supporting energy affordability, economic competitiveness, and enabling housing and employment growth across the province.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council:

1. Supports the Ministry’s consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses access to natural gas as an option to other energy solutions to advance [Municipality]’s housing, employment lands, and economic development objectives.
2. Directs staff to submit comments to ERO 0250923 reflecting [Municipality]’s priorities, including: priority application types, alignment with Official

Plan/Secondary Plans, sites and corridors where gas access would enable development (housing/employment lands), any Phase 1 and 2 learnings (if applicable) and practical barriers (e.g., timing, permitting, costs, land access).

3. Forwards this resolution to [local MPP(s)], the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Ontario Energy Board, AMO, and neighbouring municipalities.

**MAYOR:** \_\_\_\_\_