

## **Template ERO submission**

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**Reference: ERO 0250923 – Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion.**

### **Q1. Which application types should expansion focus on?**

- Residential growth, employment areas/industrial parks, agricultural production, and community facilities – areas where access would unlock housing supply, economic development and job creation. [[Ontario Housing Progress](#)]
- What rationale should application types be based on, consider:
  - Highest economic development impact (jobs/investment/growth)
  - Housing target delivery (linked to municipal targets)
  - Highest possible customer connections (residential/commercial)
  - Constructability readiness (environmental assessment, shovel ready 12-24 months)
  - Municipal governance readiness (Council project support/direction to advance a project)
  - Cost effectiveness (assessment based on customer connection)
  - Equity (under served, remote rural and Indigenous communities)
  - Other (please specify)

### **Q2. How would access to natural gas support economic development?**

- Consider areas of local growth and development, investment requirements, shovel ready projects.

### **Q3. Is access to natural gas included in your development plans?**

- Cite relevant planning documents [i.e. Official Plan, Secondary Plan, Housing and Employment Lands Strategy] that identify natural gas servicing as part of your infrastructure strategy.

### **Q4. Have you engaged a natural gas developer?**

- Status: [Yes/No]. If yes: summarize [project concept, timelines, constraints, readiness].

- If there had been no engagement, your municipality is interested in access to natural gas, provide feedback

**Q5. What barriers are preventing access?**

- **Examples:** Upfront costs, corridor/ROW timing, coordination with road works, third-party relocations, other projects navigating approvals/design, customer connection/demand,

**Q6. Phase 1 and 2 experience (if applicable)**

**Project:** [Name/location].

**Status:** [Constructed / In progress]

**Learnings:** [e.g., coordination, communications, permitting]

**Outcomes:** [connections, economic indicators]

**Attachments (recommended)**

- Council Resolution (above)
- Letter of Support (above)