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Enbridge Gas Assists Otonabee-South Monaghan Department of Fire and Emergency Service in Supporting Firefighter Training

KEENE, ON, October 23, 2024 – Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is helping the Otonabee-South Monaghan Department of Fire and Emergency Services purchase firefighting training materials, through Safe Community Project Assist—a program with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) that supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in the communities where Enbridge Gas operates.

“At Enbridge, safety is at the centre of everything we do and a value we live by,” says Ryan Marshall, Operations Manager, GTA East, Enbridge Gas. “We are committed to providing emergency response training support to Ontario firefighters so they can continually learn, improve, and protect the vibrant and healthy communities they call home.”

This year's \$125,000 investment from Enbridge Gas will be shared by 25 Ontario fire departments, including Otonabee-South Monaghan. Funds are used to purchase educational materials to assist in training firefighters in life-saving techniques.

Since the launch of Safe Community Project Assist in 2012, 369 grants have been provided to Ontario fire departments for additional firefighter training.

“Fire departments train every single day and that's why it's important for them to have access to the right materials to keep their members and the public safe. Safe Community Project Assist helps departments afford some of these training tools and improves the ongoing learning that occurs across Ontario,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal, and Chair of the FMPFSC.

“Learning is a life-long commitment and in the fire service, that is no different,” says Chuck Parsons, Otonabee-South Monaghan Fire Chief. “In an ever-changing world, it is important to be sure that we are learning the most current and on point information. It is through programs like Enbridge's Project Assist that help make it feasible for departments to stay connected to up-to-date training materials, to keep our firefighters informed, to hone their skills and to keep them safe, so they can protect our public. For that we are very grateful to be receiving this grant in 2024.”

About the Fire Department

The Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan Department of Fire and Emergency Services (OSM) has existed since the mid-1950's and protects a large rural community with several

villages and hamlet development areas, plus two inhabited islands on Rice Lake. In partnership, fire and emergency services are provided to Hiawatha First Nation. OSM borders the City of Peterborough to the north on two sides, and the shore of Rice Lake to the south. OSM is a volunteer department comprised of approximately 85 members, two full-time staff, and four fire stations, housing four pumpers, four rescues, four tankers, three boats, and other specialty rescue equipment. A well-equipped and well-trained emergency service and that strives to be leaders in their field.

About the FMPFSC

The FMPFSC was established in 1993 with a mission to help create “a world where no one is hurt by fire.” Chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal, the FMPFSC promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with various groups and individuals with an interest in public safety. Follow the FMPFSC on Twitter @FMPFSC.

About Enbridge Gas

Enbridge Gas is Canada's largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario, with 2023 marking its 175th anniversary of serving customers. The distribution business provides safe, affordable, reliable energy to about 3.9 million customers and is innovating to contribute to a lower-carbon energy future. The storage and transmission business offers a variety of storage and transportation services to customers at the Dawn Hub, the largest integrated underground storage facility in Canada and one of the largest in North America. Enbridge Gas is owned by Enbridge (ENB), a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution. Visit enbridgegas.com to learn more.

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