



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Enbridge Gas Assists Centre Hastings Fire Department in Supporting Firefighter Training**

**The Municipality of Centre Hastings**– Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is helping Centre Hastings Fire Department 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 Mike Cooney, Supervisor - Operations Belleville, 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 Centre Hastings Fire Department. 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 John McBeth, Acting Ontario Fire Marshal, and Acting Chair of the FMPFSC.

As fire chief, I can't overstate the value of ongoing training for our firefighters. Programs like Safe Community Project Assist ensure we have access to the resources needed to keep our team prepared for any emergency. This support directly enhances both firefighter safety and public protection, which are always our top priorities,”

The Centre Hastings Fire Department is comprised of two fire stations with 40 volunteer professional firefighters. The Department is led by Fire Chief Derek Snider.

In addition to firefighting and life-saving services, the Department's emphasis is on fire prevention, providing fire inspection, and fire education programs throughout the community.

**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 X @FMPFSC.

**About Enbridge Gas**

Enbridge Gas is Canada's largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario, with 2023 marking its 175<sup>th</sup> 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](http://enbridgegas.com) to learn more.

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