



EPCOR SOUTHERN BRUCE NATURAL GAS PROJECT

Construction Update Winter 2020

PROJECT OVERVIEW

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR) is proud to be constructing a distribution system that will connect customers to natural gas in the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Kindcardine and Township of Huron-Kinloss.

We look forward to bringing clean, safe and reliable natural gas to the communities of Chesley, Paisley, Inverhuron, Tiverton, Kindcardine, Lurgan Beach, Point Clark, Ripley and Lucknow, as well as the Bruce Energy Centre by the end of 2021.

CONSTRUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

From July to December of 2019, EPCOR, along with its construction partner, AECON, and its environmental consultant, Stantec, installed 57 km of eight inch steel pipeline from Dornoch to the Bruce Energy Centre.

We're pleased to share some of the highlights from Phase 1 of the project:

- Employed 170 workers who logged 150,000 work-hours without any workplace injuries
- Kept to our construction hours and stayed within acceptable noise levels
- Engaged with landowners who had questions about our project
- Carried out a comprehensive Environmental Protection Plan
- Conducted a migratory bird survey to identify nesting areas and avoid tree disruptions
- Used construction techniques to minimize disturbances along wetlands and water course crossings
- Organized environmental awareness training for all field workers to identify species at risk and to prevent the spread of invasive weeds

Your cooperation as we broke ground on this important project was greatly appreciated. We have a strong commitment to safety and, thanks to your support, this first phase of bringing natural gas to the area was a success.

STAY SAFE THIS WINTER

Take caution at the construction site

Safety is our first priority at EPCOR. That's why we take extra precautions to ensure the safety of our employees and customers. While the pipeline we installed this past summer has been covered, the ground hasn't fully settled. This means there could be soft spots along the road right of ways.

Be cautious when driving on roadway shoulders as your vehicle could get stuck.

Please be aware that large boulders, exposed during construction, are along the road shoulders. We have moved the boulders to the tree line and will work to make them more visible, where possible. We care about your safety, so please remember to take caution if snowmobiling along roadway shoulders.

We have posted "soft shoulder" signs along the construction route; however, the signs are spread out along the 57 km route, so please be sure to watch for them while driving.



We look forward to returning this spring to restore the landscaping that was disturbed as part of the construction process.

The construction area doesn't need to be fenced in, as winter freezing will help the ground to harden and prevent soft shoulders from being an issue all season. Nevertheless, we urge you to stay off the road shoulders where we were operating.

Call before you dig

Now that portions of the pipelines are installed, please remember to contact Ontario One Call before starting any excavation to have all underground utilities located.

As a landowner, you have the right to dig on your property, but just sinking a shovel into the ground could cause a disruption for which you could be held liable.

The pipelines we installed are buried one metre below the ground. Although the pipes don't have natural gas flowing through them just yet they can still be damaged during digging or excavation, which could lead to natural gas leaks when they become operational.

Your safety is important. Be sure to contact Ontario One Call at **1-800-400-2255** or **OntarioOneCall.ca** before digging on your property or around the construction site.

INTERESTED IN NATURAL GAS?

EPCOR has approval to provide natural gas to certain areas in the municipalities of Arran-Elderslie, Kincardine and Huron-Kinloss. However, we will seek approval to serve customers in additional areas should future expansions be warranted. If you would like to register your interest in receiving natural gas, please contact us.

CONTACT US

Interested in learning more about natural gas?
Have a question about the project?
Don't hesitate to contact us.

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