

The background image shows a construction site for a natural gas pipeline. Two large, reddish-brown pipes are laid out on a gravel path, curving into the distance. The pipes are supported by yellow and orange traffic cones. The surrounding area is a flat, open landscape with a few trees and a utility pole under a blue sky with wispy clouds.

# EPCOR SOUTHERN BRUCE NATURAL GAS PROJECT

## Construction Update Spring 2020

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

EPCOR is proud to be constructing a distribution system that will connect customers to natural gas in the communities of Chesley, Paisley, Inverhuron, Tiverton, Kincardine, Lurgan Beach, Point Clark, Ripley and Lucknow, as well as the Bruce Energy Centre, by the end of 2021.

### CONSTRUCTION PLANS

EPCOR will resume construction this spring on the service network that will bring natural gas to these communities. Along with our construction partner, AECON, and our environmental consultant, Stantec, we will be working on the pipeline route from Dornoch to the Bruce Energy Centre to complete the following:

- Installing steel mains and plastic distribution lines.
- Hydrotesting that uses water, as part of quality control measures, to test the pressure of the pipeline before introducing natural gas to the network.
- Connecting pressure regulating stations and valves that help control the flow and pressure along the system.

- Commissioning the pipeline to safely add natural gas into the system before connecting to our customers.
- Restoring landscaping that was disturbed as part of the construction process.

In addition, EPCOR and our project partners will be:

- Employing up to 170 local workers.
- Keeping to our construction hours and staying within acceptable noise levels.
- Sharing construction updates with local municipalities to help keep residents informed.
- Consulting with First Nations and Métis during the project.
- Engaging with landowners and stakeholders who have questions about our project.
- Using construction techniques to minimize disturbances along wetlands and water course crossings.
- Working with a third party environmental field inspector to conduct weekly inspections of the work site to ensure environmental measures are in place.

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Our hours of work will be Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Occasional evening or Saturday work may be required.

## COVID-19 MEASURES

The health and safety of our customers and staff is our top priority. Due to the heightened attention related to COVID-19, we need the public to maintain a distance of two meters at all times.

### Traffic Disruptions

We anticipate temporarily closing a lane of traffic on the side of the road where crews are working. In some cases, we may need to close portions of the road for a 24-hour period and reroute traffic temporarily. In case of emergency, AECOM is able to provide immediate access to any property or road.

We will follow Ontario traffic control standards, clearly mark any traffic disruptions and accommodations and provide advance notification where possible.

### Noise

During construction, you can expect typical activity such as vehicles, equipment and crews in the area. Work will create typical noise associated with construction. We will take measures to ensure we comply with local bylaws for noise control. If it's necessary to temporarily exceed acceptable noise levels, we will work with municipalities to obtain the required permits.

### Odour monitoring

Natural gas is inherently odourless. As a safety precaution, a scent called methyl mercaptan is added to natural gas. This odour smells like rotten eggs or Sulphur so that natural gas can be quickly detected.

Once the first phase of our project is energized (expected summer 2020), we will conduct odour monitoring for a three-week period. During this time, you may notice occasional odours from the pipeline. The odour is temporary and not harmful.

### Safety

Safety is a responsibility we all share and EPCOR's top priority. We will maintain our work areas in a safe and secure manner, and perform our work according to all local bylaws and occupational health, safety and environmental requirements.

We will take every precaution to ensure public safety, including fencing or marking construction areas to restrict access.

To help ensure we all stay safe during construction, please:

- Slow down around construction.
- Obey all traffic and lane controls, including flag people.
- Stay outside of barriers and fences.
- Maintain a distance of two meters from our construction crews as per COVID-19 recommendations.
- Keep children and pets a safe distance away from work sites and equipment.

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

The service network that we are working on will soon have natural gas flowing through it. As a landowner, you have the right to dig on your property but just sinking a shovel into the ground could cause a disruption, serious injury or costly repairs, for which you could be held liable.

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 to have all underground utilities located.

## 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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