

# Rural Municipality of Ellice - Archie

**Maintain and enhance infrastructure and services; and provide positive, consistent leadership now and in the future.**

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June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## To Whom It May Concern:

The council of the Rural Municipality of Ellice – Archie would like to express its support for the development of the TransCanada Energy East Pipeline which would convert an existing natural gas pipeline into oil and construction of new pipeline.

There are many benefits to using pipelines to transport oil as opposed to alternate modes of transportation such as road or rail. Some of these benefits include:

- Less emissions due to the fact the pumping stations use hydro power.
- Research has demonstrated fewer accidents occur by pipeline as opposed to road or rail transportation.
- Less damage to our infrastructure due to less truck traffic on our municipal roads.

The pipeline currently running through our municipality was originally installed approximately 60 years ago. In 2010 one line was converted from gas to oil service by Keystone Pipeline which has been safely and securely transporting oil since. TransCanada has demonstrated their commitment to pipeline safety for communities, residents and employees through safety and prevention maintenance.

The Energy East project would generate significant economic benefits to Western Manitoba by providing direct and indirect jobs during the development and construction phase and during the forty year operating phase.

On a national scale the Energy East Pipeline will provide a secure long term supply of oil to Eastern Canada, reducing Canada's reliance on imported oil and provide economic benefits to Eastern Canada.

The Rural Municipality of Ellice – Archie fully supports the development of the TransCanada Energy East Pipeline project. The benefits that come with the pipeline are in the best interest of rural Manitoba.

Sincerely,



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