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Honorable Bob Chiarelli
Minister of Energy
900 Bay Street, 4th Floor
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Re: Support TransCanada Pipelines Limited's Energy East Project

At its meeting of November 9th, 2015, Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Hawkesbury adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS TransCanada Pipelines Limited Energy East project is proposing to re-purpose 3,000 kilometers of existing, un-contracted natural gas pipeline to oil services, along with the construction of 1,600 km of new pipeline to directly connect western Canadian oil to domestic refineries, helping to make Canada energy independent;

AND WHEREAS late in August, TransCanada announced an agreement with Enbridge Gas Distribution, Union Gas and Gaz Metro that resolves previous issues with Energy East and the Eastern Mainline Project;

AND WHEREAS the Conference Board of Canada concluded Energy East will support 4,200 full-time jobs in Ontario during development and construction, generate more than \$2.6 billion in additional tax revenue and boost Ontario's economy by \$15 billion in the first 20 years of operation;

AND WHEREAS research demonstrates that pipelines are the safest, most efficient and least greenhouse gas-intensive ways of transporting oil across our county and are 4.5 times safer than oil transported by rail;

AND WHEREAS TransCanada Pipelines Limited is seeking support for the Energy East project and has received such support from a number and variety of municipalities and organizations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Hawkesbury supports the development of the Energy East Pipeline;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Energy and TransCanada Pipelines Limited.

Carried

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Linda Rozon

c.c. Manon Abud, Authorized agent of TransCanada, Energy East Pipeline Project