



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Enbridge Gas Assists Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services in Supporting Firefighter Training**

**TOWNSHIP of ORO-MEDONTE, October 28, 2020** – Enbridge Gas is helping Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services purchase firefighting training materials, through Project Assist—a program that supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in the communities where Enbridge operates.

“At Enbridge Gas, safety is our priority. We’re proud to support Ontario firefighters who share our commitment to keeping our communities safe,” says Bike Balkanci, Director, GTA West/Niagara Region Operations, Enbridge Gas.

This year’s \$100,000 donation from Enbridge Gas will be shared by 20 Ontario fire departments, including Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services. Funds will be used to purchase educational materials for firefighters to enhance life-saving techniques.

Since the launch of Project Assist in 2012, 194 grants have been provided to Ontario fire departments for additional firefighter training.

“Project Assist improves access to training materials for fire departments,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal. “Firefighting can be dangerous and unpredictable, and these training materials positively contribute to the health and safety of firefighters and the broader community.”

“Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services is appreciative and thanks Enbridge Gas for their generous donation to the department through Project Assist,” says Fire Chief Hugh Murray. “This funding will greatly assist and enhance the department’s firefighting training program, safeguarding the health and safety of Oro-Medonte firefighters, the local community and our neighbours.”

#### **About Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services**

Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services is comprised of 155 volunteer firefighters, and a full-time fire chief, deputy chief and fire prevention officer. Oro-Medonte covers a land area of 61,000 hectares, stretching from the northern border of Barrie and Lake Simcoe, to the southern fringes of Orillia, and north to Tay and Severn Townships. The department also provides emergency assistance to neighbouring communities through mutual aid agreements.

#### **About Enbridge Gas**

Enbridge Gas Inc., formed on January 1, 2019 from the amalgamation of Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution, is Canada's largest natural gas storage,

transmission and distribution company based in Ontario with a more than 170-year history of providing safe and reliable service to customers. The distribution business serves about 3.8 million customers, heating over 75 per cent of Ontario homes. 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 Inc. is owned by Enbridge Inc., a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution.

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