



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Enbridge Gas Assists Thessalon Fire Department in Supporting Firefighter Training**

**Town of Thessalon, ON, November 1, 2023** – Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is helping the Thessalon Fire Department purchase firefighting training materials, through Safe Community Project Assist—a program with the Fire Marshal’s Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) that supplements existing training for Ontario volunteer and composite fire departments in the communities where Enbridge Gas operates.

“At Enbridge Gas, safety is at the core of what we do. Providing support to Ontario firefighters with emergency response training, we’re equipping the heroes of tomorrow to better protect the communities we live and work in—keeping them healthy and vibrant,” says Brent Belec, Operations Supervisor, Sault Ste. Marie and area, Enbridge Gas.

This year’s \$250,000 donation from Enbridge Gas will be shared by 50 Ontario fire departments, including the Thessalon Fire Department. Funds are used to purchase educational materials to assist in training firefighters in life-saving techniques.

Since the launch of Safe Community Project Assist in 2012, 344 grants have been provided to Ontario fire departments for additional firefighter training.

“Fire departments train every single day and that’s why it’s important for them to have access to the right materials to keep their members and the public safe. Safe Community Project Assist helps departments afford some of these training tools and improves the ongoing learning that occurs across Ontario,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal, and Chair of the FMPFSC.

“The Town of Thessalon Fire Department would like to extend a sincere thank you to Enbridge for the generous donation that will provide up-to-date training material to enhance our ability to provide fire services to the Town of Thessalon,” says Fire Chief Scott Lawrence.

“Keeping up to date with the latest training and safety is a must as we continue to provide personnel with ongoing education and skills training to ensure every member returns home safely at the end of the day,” adds Kevin King, Chair, Town of Thessalon Fire Services Committee.

#### **About the Thessalon Fire Department**

The Town of Thessalon Fire Department was officially established in 1966 and has had a long history of volunteers, with many generations of families joining and serving on the

department. The department is currently comprised of a fire chief, deputy fire chief, three captains, a fire prevention officer, assistant training officer, public relations officer, ten firefighters and a probationary firefighter, all of whom are volunteers dedicated to serving the community.

### **About the FMPFSC**

The FMPFSC was established in 1993 with a mission to help create “a world where no one is hurt by fire.” Chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal, the FMPFSC promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with various groups and individuals with an interest in public safety. Follow the FMPFSC on Twitter @FMPFSC.

### **About Enbridge Gas Inc.**

Enbridge Gas is Canada’s largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario, with 2023 marking its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving customers. The distribution business provides safe, affordable, reliable energy to about 3.9 million customers and is leading the transition to a clean energy future through net-zero emissions targets and investments in innovative low-carbon energy solutions. 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 is owned by Enbridge (ENB), a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution. Visit [enbridgegas.com](http://enbridgegas.com) to learn more.

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