



GPSG Submits Application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

The Growth and Prosperity Stakeholder Group has submitted their application for the South Central Natural Gas Project to be considered under the Rural and Northern Infrastructure Stream outcome of providing more reliable and efficient energy. Highlights from the application include:

- 1) Aligns with Manitoba's Climate and Green Plan:
 - Reduces 6,144 tonnes CO₂** equivalent emissions by switching from coal and propane to natural gas.
 - Substitutes the requirement of 5.9 MW of hydro electricity**, freeing up capacity for economic development or export clean energy to displace thermal generation of electricity in Minnesota, Wisconsin, or Saskatchewan, and;
 - Removes 360 fuel transportation trucks** off the roads, further reducing carbon emissions as well as wear and tear on the roads, while improving traffic safety and bio-security.
- 2) Potential of 2,327 new gas customers that include residential, commercial and public buildings, Hutterite Colonies, and agricultural producers. Estimated **\$3.7 million in annual heating savings** for the area.
- 3) Return on Investment, the total, one-time economic impact from construction of the pipeline alone is estimated at nearly **\$110 million, and creation of over 400 jobs**. Once gas is made available, there are emerging market drivers to expand development in agricultural industries especially hog barns, metal fabrication, and crop production in greenhouses.
- 4) Risk Management, diversifying energy options minimizes the effect of rising hydroelectric rates biomass shortages, and power outages from

extreme weather events. Transporting natural gas underground can avoid these circumstances and allows residents and businesses to choose the most suitable option for their needs.

Total Project costs are \$53 million, the GPSG is requesting \$39.7 million from Federal and Provincial governments, leveraging a \$13.3 million investment from local contributors.

Thank You for Submitting Letters of Support

The GPSG appreciates the effort from all those who submitted a letter of support for the Project. This information is crucial in demonstrating the need for investment in energy infrastructure and acknowledging the potential for this area.

The GPSG meets on a regular basis, if you would like to attend a meeting to discuss or learn more about the Project, please contact manager.gpsg@gmail.com

Results of the Municipality of Norfolk Treherne Referendum

The Municipality of Norfolk Treherne held a Referendum vote on September 4, 2019. When asked "Do you support a tax levy on all properties in the municipality of Norfolk-Treherne to pay for a natural gas pipeline in the municipality?" 64% said yes with a 67% voter turnout.

Thank you for all those who participated in voting, the GPSG has taken note of this feedback and will be used as we continue to proceed with the Project. Stay tuned for future upcoming public hearings.

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