



**City of Kingston  
Information Report to Council  
Report Number 15-176**

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<b>To:</b>	<b>Mayor and Members of Council</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>Cynthia Beach, Commissioner Corporate &amp; Strategic Initiatives</b>
<b>Resource Staff:</b>	<b>Paul MacLatchy, Director, Environment &amp; Sustainable Initiatives</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>February 17, 2015</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Trans Canada Pipelines Limited - Eastern Mainline Project</b>

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**Executive Summary:**

Trans Canada Pipelines Limited (TCPL) has made application to the National Energy Board (NEB) to allow expansion of their existing high pressure natural gas pipeline running between Markham, Ontario to Iroquois, Ontario which passes through the City of Kingston north of Highway 401. The project will see the construction of a new 36-inch diameter line on TCPL's Eastern Mainline Triangle in addition to the already existing 20 and 24 inch lines. Within the boundaries of Kingston the new pipeline will start at TCPL's Station 142 on Highway 15 and proceed eastward. No new pipeline will be constructed within Kingston west of the TCPL Station 142. The scope of TCPL's project has changed significantly from when it was originally described within Report to Council 14-170 so that potential encroachments onto other City properties (Shannon's Corners Park on Perth Road at Unity Road and City Gate on Perth Road) will now no longer occur.

The NEB has requested that organizations who wish to participate within the hearing process make an Application to Participate (ATP) and that the deadline for making such application has been set at March 3, 2015.

Construction of the proposed pipeline project may cause some temporary disruption of some City property, most notably the Highway 15 right of way.

City staff have been in consultation with TCPL regarding the project's impacts on city properties and feel that impacts and concerns are minor and are being adequately addressed. As such, staff do not feel that participation in the NEB's hearing process is warranted at this time.

**Recommendation:**

This report is provided for information purposes only.

**Authorizing Signatures:**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

**Cynthia Beach, Commissioner,  
Corporate & Strategic Initiatives**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:**

Lanie Hurdle, Community Services

Denis Leger, Transportation, Facilities & Emergency Services

Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston

Desiree Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer

Not required

## Options/Discussion:

Trans Canada Pipelines Limited (TCPL) operates the Canadian Mainline System that consists of two high pressure natural gas pipelines running from west to east that traverse the City of Kingston north of Highway 401 and delivers natural gas product from Western Canadian sources to Eastern Canadian users and other pipelines that supply Canadian and US users. The pipeline system within City of Kingston boundaries also contains appurtenances such as regulator stations and signage.

TCPL has made application to the National Energy Board (NEB) for permission to increase the capacity of their system by constructing a new 36-inch diameter pipeline in general adjacency to their existing 20 and 24-inch pipelines. This new project is referred to as their Eastern Mainline Project, and while related, should not be confused with another TCPL project – the Energy East Pipeline Project. Information about TCPL's Eastern Mainline Project can be accessed on-line at: [www.easternmainline.com](http://www.easternmainline.com) and at [www.neb-one.gc.ca](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca).

Originally TCPL had proposed to construct new pipeline through the entire length of their corridor through Kingston which, as previously reported within Report to Council 14-170, would have potentially encroached upon city properties at Shannon's Corners Park on Perth Road, the City Gate property also on Perth Road, and a portion of the K&P Trail south of Unity Road and west of Cordukes Road. In August, 2014 TCPL significantly changed the scope of their project and new pipeline is now proposed in Kingston only from the TCPL Station 142 on Highway 15 to the eastern boundary of the City of Kingston. A map of the proposed route showing where new pipeline will be constructed is included as Exhibit A to this report.

Staff have met with representatives of TCPL and reviewed potential impacts of the proposed Eastern Mainline Project to municipal interests. Impacts identified were generally logistical in nature (i.e. temporary access and ground disruptions due to testing, excavation, etc.) and related mainly to the construction phases of the project.

Representatives of TCPL also provided a delegation to City Council on September 9, 2014 where information about the Eastern Mainline Project was provided.

Due to the nature of natural gas, no new issues (other than local emergency response) related to leakage or failure of the pipeline infrastructure were identified. As the project is largely within the existing pipeline corridor no new issues related to land use planning were identified.

In 2014 the City of Kingston opted to participate in the NEB hearing for Enbridge's Line 9 Project. While participation was worthwhile given the issues presented to the municipality by that project, the effort to participate was not insignificant.

If the City were to pursue participating in the NEB hearing process for the Eastern Mainline Project, the City would have to choose between submitting a Letter of Comment containing the various issues that it wished the NEB to consider, or becoming an Intervener to the process and making a presentation at the hearing sessions.

Staff are of the opinion that issues and concerns related to the proposed Eastern Mainline Project can be adequately dealt with through consultation with TCPL and that the effort required to intervene within the NEB process is not warranted.

**Existing Policy/By-Law:**

Details of the subject project and agreements required to access City lands for the purpose of project planning were reported to Council within report 14-170 on May 6, 2014. The scope of TCPL's project has changed significantly since that date.

**Notice Provisions:**

There are no notice provisions associated with this report.

**Accessibility Considerations:**

There are no accessibility considerations associated with this report.

**Financial Considerations:**

None

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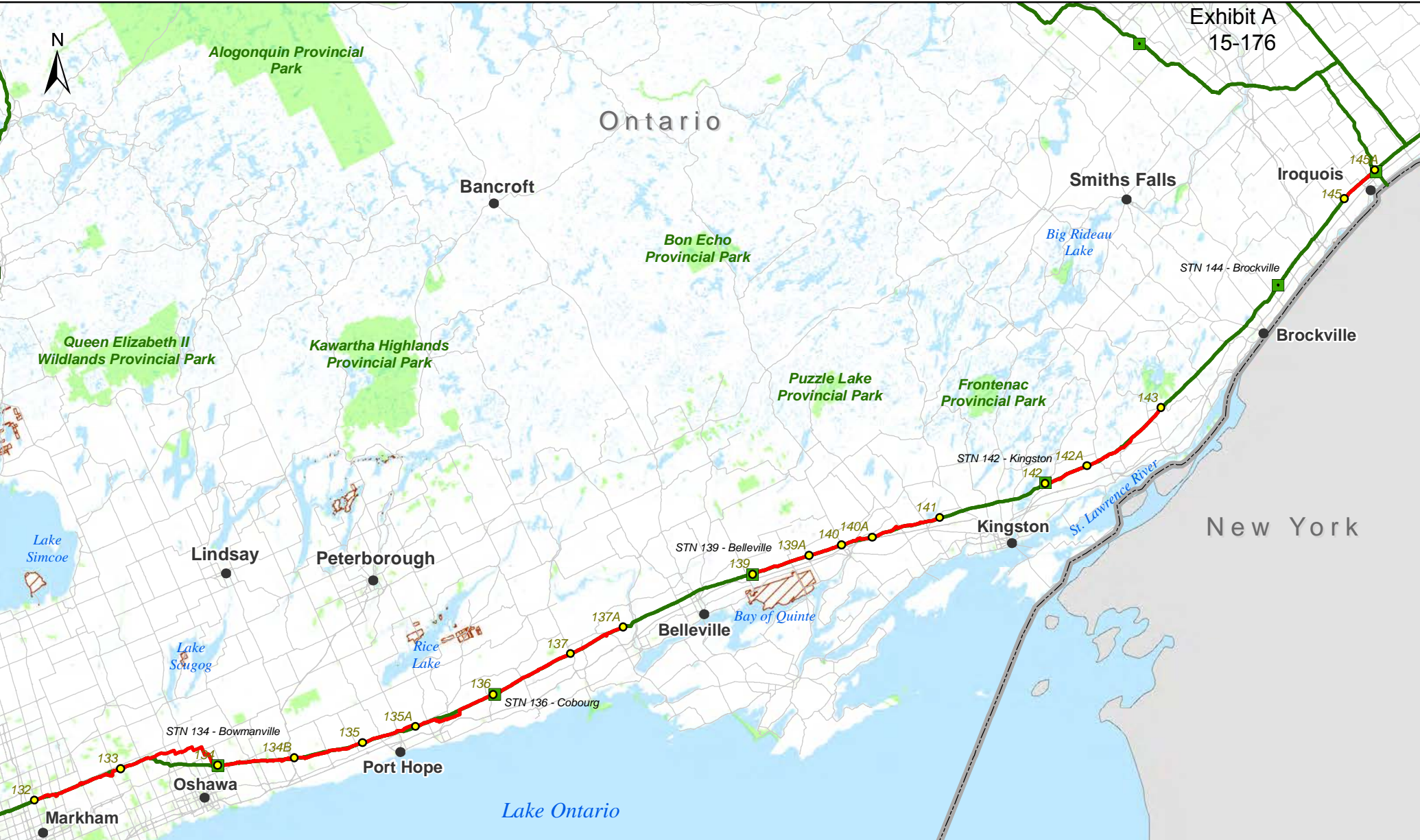
Paige Agnew, Director, Planning & Development

**Exhibits Attached:**

Exhibit A – Map Showing Proposed Route of Eastern Mainline Project and Areas Where New Pipeline is Proposed.

Ontario

New York



### TransCanada PipeLines Limited Eastern Mainline Project

#### Pipelines

- Eastern Mainline Route As Applied
- Existing TCPL Pipelines

#### Facilities

- Compressor unit additions to existing Stations
- Preliminary Mainline Block Valves

#### Other Features

- Major road or Highway
- ▨ First Nations Land
- Park
- Water Body

