



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Enbridge Gas teams up with the Douglas Fire Department to Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Safe Community Project Zero**

**Douglas, ON, September 23, 2024** – Today, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) and the Douglas Fire Department announced they are working together to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Douglas Fire received 84 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero—a public education campaign with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) that will provide more than 14,500 alarms to residents in 75 communities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$450,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 16 years, the program has provided more than 101,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

“The best way to reduce potential exposure to carbon monoxide is to properly maintain fuel-burning equipment,” says Everett Milotte, Operations Supervisor, Eastern Region, Enbridge Gas. “These alarms are a critical second line of defence against carbon monoxide poisoning, known as ‘the silent killer’. We’re proud to support our communities, and raise awareness and help Ontarians implement these protection strategies.”

“Across Ontario there is a renewed focus on the importance of having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home. The objective of Safe Community Project Zero is to deliver these alarms to areas where they are needed most,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the FMPFSC. “It’s a program that helps fire departments educate their communities about the requirements to have working smoke alarms installed in all Ontario homes and for all Ontario homes to have a carbon monoxide alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage.”

“The Douglas Fire Department is honoured to be chosen once again to partner with Enbridge Gas, and to be part of Project Zero. We take fire safety very seriously in our community, and working smoke/CO alarms continue to save lives. Safety is not expensive, it’s priceless,” says Fire Chief Bill McHale.

### **About the Douglas Fire Department**

The Douglas Fire Department services the Township of Admaston/Bromley and consists of a part-time chief and 26 volunteers. The department runs one pumper truck, two pumper tankers and an equipment truck with mostly forestry-based equipment on board.

### **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**

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 innovating to contribute to a lower-carbon energy future. 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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