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Enbridge Gas Inc. Assists Cobalt Fire Department in Supporting Firefighter Training

TOWN OF COBALT, November 15, 2019 – Enbridge Gas Inc. is helping Cobalt Fire Department 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,” said Luke Skaarup, Director, Northern Region Operations, Enbridge Gas Inc.

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

Since the launch of Project Assist in 2012, 174 grants have been provided to Ontario fire departments for additional firefighter training.

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

“With the ever-changing materials used during home construction, furniture creation and in household cleaners, training staff in public education, code enforcement and modern firefighting techniques is of the outmost importance,” said fire Chief Shawn Hearn. “Programs such as Enbridge’s Project Assist help municipalities train fire-prevention officers and firefighters to proactively recognize potential hazards and develop techniques to address these modern-day fires.”

“It’s great that we’re one of communities receiving this grant this year,” said Mayor Othmer, noting that his town of nearly 1100 people has a “topnotch fire service, and it’s because of the training they receive. It’s a great program. Thank you, Enbridge.”

About the Fire Department

The Cobalt Fire Department consists of 22 well-trained volunteers providing fire prevention, fire protection and tiered medical services. Members of the fire department are also active in the community, willing to lend a helping hand or organize various events and fundraisers including community barbeques, the Haunted House and Santa Train.

About Enbridge Gas Inc.

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 3.7 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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