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## **Kincardine, Arran-Elderslie & Huron-Kinloss select EPCOR to develop New Natural Gas Utility for South Bruce County**

Kincardine, Arran-Elderslie and Huron-Kinloss have selected Edmonton-based EPCOR Utilities Inc. as the successful proponent to bring natural gas to their South Bruce communities. The selection of EPCOR follows a 6 month competitive Request for Information process which identified multiple potential developers to construct, own and operate a new natural gas distribution utility. Last fall Kincardine, Arran-Elderslie and Huron-Kinloss publicly released a comprehensive business case in support of bringing natural gas service to the area.

Kincardine Mayor Anne Eadie said "we are very pleased to welcome EPCOR to South Bruce and look forward to working with this successful municipally owned, Canadian company to create the new gas utility for our communities."

Huron-Kinloss Mayor Mitch Twolan said "we plan to hold public information open houses in October to formally introduce EPCOR to our residents and to explain next steps and timelines to establish the new gas utility. Next steps include making an application to the Ontario Energy Board to approve the new utility. We expect EPCOR may be able to make this application as early as next spring or summer."

Arran-Elderslie Mayor Paul Eagleson said "the Province has committed \$230M in funding for natural gas expansions into communities like ours. We will continue to meet with the Province to pursue provincial funding to help our residents, businesses and farms with the cost of switching from expensive electricity, oil and propane to natural gas."

"To access to natural gas in our area will be a significant economic boost for the entire region, and we are confident that EPCOR will be an excellent partner to implement this critical project."

### **About EPCOR**

EPCOR's wholly owned subsidiaries build, own and operate electrical transmission and distribution networks, water and wastewater treatment facilities and infrastructure in Canada and the United States. The Company's subsidiaries also provide electricity and water services and products to residential and commercial customers. EPCOR, headquartered in Edmonton, is an Alberta Top 70 Employer.

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## Our Business

We build, own and operate water, wastewater, and electrical transmission and distribution infrastructure in Canada and the U.S. We also provide electricity, water and natural gas services and products to residential and commercial customers.

### Our Story

Almost 125 years ago, we began operating as Canada's first municipally-owned electric utility, serving the citizens of Edmonton. In 1996, we became EPCOR Utilities Inc., a stand-alone company owned by the City of Edmonton. We operate as a business with an independent Board of Directors and assets of \$5.7 billion.

### Our Operations

- We distribute 13.5% of Alberta's energy consumption to approximately 366,000 residential and commercial customers in Edmonton
- We provide rate regulated and contract energy services to about Alberta 600,000 residential and small commercial customers
- We provide water and wastewater services to about 1.9 million people in 100 communities and industrial sites across North America
- In Canada, we have a presence in Alberta, B.C. and Saskatchewan
- We are the largest private regulated water provider in Arizona and New Mexico
- Our EPCOR team is 2,700 strong