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Enbridge Gas teams up with Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department to Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Safe Community Project Zero

ADJALA-TOSORONTIO, ON, September 26, 2023 – Today, Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) and the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department announced they are working together to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Members of the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department received 162 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 10,000 alarms to residents in 50 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$315,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 15 years, the program has provided more than 86,000 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.

“Properly maintaining fuel burning equipment is the best way to reduce potential exposure to carbon monoxide, and an alarm is a critical second line of defense for protection. When we implement these strategies together, we protect our loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning, also known as the silent killer,” says Caitlin Bettiol, Advisor Operations, GTA West Region, Enbridge Gas.

“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 fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a carbon monoxide alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage.”

“The Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department is proud and pleased to partner with Enbridge Gas in their *2023 Safe Community Project Zero* initiative,” announces ATFD Fire Chief Colin Hanna. “Providing working smoke and CO alarms to those in need is a noble cause. These devices will be part of this year’s Fire Prevention Open House and will also

be carried onboard our fire trucks to be provided during responses to homes where a working smoke alarm is not found by your ATFD firefighters.”

About the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department

The Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department partners with the Simcoe County Fire Chiefs Association to provide effective, efficient, and safe emergency aid and rescue services to our residents. ATFD comprises of approximately 60 volunteer firefighters who are supported by a full-time fire chief and fire administration assistant. Services include:

- Emergency response and fire suppression
- Fire safety inspections and training
- Public education and outreach
- Emergency management
- Enforcement of open air burn permits

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 Inc.

Enbridge Gas is Canada’s largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario, with 2023 marking its 175th anniversary of serving customers. The distribution business provides safe, affordable, reliable energy to about 3.9 million customers and is leading the transition to a clean energy future through net-zero emissions targets and investments in innovative low-carbon energy solutions. 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 to learn more.

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