

Meeting Minutes

Ontario Pipeline Landowners Association (OPLA)

Date: March 7, 2025

Location: Ilderon-Birr Inited Church

Chair: Hugh Arts, President

1. Opening Remarks

- President Hugh Aerts opened the meeting by addressing challenges with updating corporate records:
 - Online registration of amended articles and bylaws was unsuccessful.
 - Hard copy submissions were also rejected.
 - Board member updates failed to save; external help was sought from John Goudy.
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2. Integrity Agreement Planning

- The current Integrity Date agreement expires **February 28, 2027**.
 - Since Union Gas is owned by Enbridge, the group must:
 - Research alternative agreements.
 - Decide whether to negotiate collectively or individually.
 - President expressed concern about his capacity to lead this effort due to:
 - Municipal council duties.
 - Personal fatigue.
 - Need to reassess his role and commitment.
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3. Subcommittee Proposal

- A subcommittee may be formed to handle Integrity Agreement preparations.
- President anticipates Enbridge will aim for minimal concessions.

- Preparations expected to begin in **2026**.
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4. CAEPLA Donations

- President proposed reconsidering donations to CAEPLA.
 - Decision deferred to group consensus.
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5. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Copies of previous meeting minutes were confirmed received.
 - Motion to approve:
 - **Moved by:** Dave Major
 - **Seconded by:** Don Foster
 - **Outcome:** Approved unanimously
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6. Financial Report Discussion

- Emphasis on understanding easement rules, especially for gas lines.
 - Key issues raised:
 - Tile drainage complications across gas lines.
 - Pipeline company's responsibility for drainage and outlet provision.
 - Case discussed: land trapped due to pipeline, only drainage path crosses gas line.
 - Delays and costs incurred due to contractor wait times.
 - Example: \$6,000 cost for 6-inch tile replacement.
 - Recommendation:
 - Submit itemized bills to pipeline company for all incurred costs.
 - Clarify maintenance responsibilities under specific agreements.
 - Note: Not all municipalities (e.g., City of London) operate under same terms.
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7. Elections

- To simply it was proposed and seconded to keep the board as current members. The motions passed.

- Board Members to remain are:

Hugh Aerts – President

Richard Lee – Secretary

Mardine Pelders-Binks – Treasurer

Terry Ross – Director

Dave Major – Director

Don Mader – Director

Meeting Adjourned