



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Enbridge Gas Inc. helps Midland Fire Department and Penetanguishene Fire & Emergency Services Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Project Zero**

**TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE, November 20, 2019** – Today, Enbridge Gas Inc., Midland Fire Department and Penetanguishene Fire & Emergency Services announced they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Penetanguishene Fire & Emergency Services and Midland Fire Department received a total of two-hundred and fifty-two (126 for each department) combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Project Zero, – a public education campaign that will provide more than 9,100 alarms to residents in 40 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas Inc. invested \$275,000 in Project Zero, and over the past eleven (11) years, the program has provided more than 44,356 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.

“Carbon monoxide is known as the ‘silent killer’ for a reason, and we have proof that prevention saves lives. We know that the best way to avoid carbon monoxide exposure is to eliminate it at the source by properly maintaining fuel-burning equipment, and that the alarms are a critical second line of defense to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning,” says Grant Kilpatrick, Operations Manager, Enbridge Gas Inc.

“The objective of Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Ontario communities who need them the most,” said Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chief, Emergency Management. “It’s a program that municipal fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a CO alarm if they have a fuel burning appliance or an attached garage.”

“Only through continued partnerships like Project Zero with Enbridge Gas are fire departments able to provide the best possible protection to ensure that families are safe in their homes from fires and carbon monoxide,” said Paul Ryan, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Midland and Penetanguishene. “The activation of these alarms will alert residents in a timely fashion to allow everyone in the home to escape safely. Only working alarms can save lives.”

Midland Mayor Stewart Strathearn and Penetanguishene Mayor Doug Leroux are appreciative of the continued support of Enbridge Gas for Project Zero. “The donation of the

smoke/CO alarms will allow both departments to provide life saving devices to those people in our communities that require assistance the most to meet our legislative requirements under the Ontario Fire Code.”

### **About the Midland Fire Department**

The Midland Fire Department is a composite fire department that consists of a Fire Chief, a Deputy Fire Chief, a Fire Prevention Officer, a Training Officer, 10 Career Firefighters, 20 Volunteer Firefighters, and an Executive Assistant.

The Department is housed at 550 Bayshore Drive. The station has a four-bay double depth apparatus area, administration offices, and a training room. On the grounds at the front of the building are a Fire Fighter Memorial and a Bell.

### **About Penetanguishene Fire & Emergency Services**

Penetanguishene Fire & Emergency Services is a volunteer fire department that consists of a Fire Chief, a Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Prevention Officer, 28 Volunteer Firefighters and an Executive Assistant.

The Department is located at 2 Robillard Drive. The station has a four-bay double depth apparatus area, administration offices, and a training room.

### **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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