



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Enbridge Gas Assists Mattawa Fire Department in Supporting Firefighter Training**

**Town of Mattawa, January 24, 2022** – Enbridge Gas is helping Mattawa Fire Department purchase firefighting training materials, through Safe Community Project Assist—a program with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council 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,” says Luke Skaarup, Director, Northern Region Operations, Enbridge Gas.

This year's \$250,000 donation from Enbridge Gas will be shared by 50 Ontario fire departments, including Mattawa Fire Department. Funds will be used to purchase educational materials for firefighters to enhance life-saving techniques.

Since the launch of Safe Community Project Assist in 2012, 244 grants have been provided to Ontario fire departments for additional firefighter training.

“Safe Community Project Assist improves access to training materials for fire departments,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. “Firefighting can be dangerous and unpredictable, and these training materials positively contribute to the health and safety of firefighters and the broader community.”

“The funds made available by Enbridge through Project Assist are greatly appreciated by our department members, as well as our town council,” says Fire Chief Paul Lafrenier. “The training materials purchased will continue to provide the best training manuals for our department and assist us in being prepared for whatever emergency we may need to respond to.”

#### **About the Mattawa Fire Department**

The Mattawa Fire Department is a volunteer fire department that prides itself in providing the best level of service possible to the community. The department operates with approximately 20 members, led by a fire chief, deputy fire chief and several captains. The Mattawa Fire Department provides response to fire calls, as well as medical emergencies, accidents, ice water rescue, hazardous material emergencies and carbon monoxide and fire alarms. The department also provides fire protection services to other municipalities through mutual aid activities.

### **About the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council**

The Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (Council) is a registered charity established in 1993 with a mission to help create "a world where no one is hurt by fire." The Council, chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal, promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with various groups and individuals with an interest in public safety. Follow the Council on Twitter @FMPFS

### **About Enbridge Gas**

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