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LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS LAUNCH 'SPRING INTO SUMMER SAFETY' CAMPAIGN

Pickering, ON, April 30, 2024 – Fire and Emergency Services in Durham Region and Kawartha Lakes have partnered with Enbridge Gas to promote spring and summer safety tips.

This year's campaign will include the following Fire Services departments: Pickering, Ajax, Brock, Clarington, Kawartha Lakes, Oshawa, Scugog, Whitby, and Uxbridge. The radio ads will promote fire safety messages to the residents of Durham Region, as well as the surrounding communities in Ontario.

"At Enbridge Gas, safety underpins everything we do. We value the leadership and commitment to safety demonstrated by our Municipal Fire

and Emergency Services in Durham Region, evident in the innovative safety programs they provide for the community. We're proud to support these efforts, including the Spring into Summer Safety radio campaign." - Steve McGivery, Director of Operations Strategy & Transformation, Enbridge Gas Inc.

"We are proud to participate in the annual Spring into Summer Safety campaign. Through this partnership, we're sharing critical fire safety tips to keep community members safe and informed during a time of year when there's typically an increase in fire-related emergencies." - Fire Chief Steve Boyd, Pickering Fire Services

As the gateway to the east GTA, Pickering (population 100,000) is strategically located where Toronto, York and Durham Regions meet. An award-winning municipality, Pickering is slated for significant economic and residential growth; offering an unparalleled quality of life for those who live, work, and play here. Its dynamic City Centre has been designated by the Province of Ontario as both an Urban Growth Centre and Mobility Hub, and continues to evolve as a preferred destination for creative learning, memorable events, and unique experiences at the heart of a vibrant, connected, and engaged community.

Clarington Emergency and Fire Services has teamed up with Enbridge Gas and Fire

Departments across Durham Region and Kawartha Lakes to promote spring and summer safety tips on local radio stations throughout May and June.

The Spring into Summer Safety campaign provides important safety messages about fire prevention, emergency preparedness and water safety at a time of year when there's typically an increase in fire-related emergencies.

As the weather warms up, we encourage you to take the time to make sure your home is safe and free of fire hazards by following these spring and summer safety tips:

Ensure your home address number is visible from the road. Remove debris that

could block the view of first responders.

Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. If the batteries are dead, replace them immediately, and replace any smoke alarm over 10 years old.

Create an emergency preparedness kit in case of prolonged power outages, floods or other emergencies. Make sure you and your family can be self-sufficient for up to 72 hours.

Practise your home escape plan so everyone in your household knows what to do in a fire.

Check every window to ensure it opens and closes properly in case it's needed as an exit.

Check outdoor electrical outlets and appliances for animal nests or chewed wiring.

Check fuel containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored.

Never use a portable propane heater inside a tent, cottage, or any enclosed space.

Carbon monoxide is colourless, odourless, tasteless and will cause serious injury or even death.

Fire pits, campfires, and wood-fuelled chimineas are not allowed in Clarington. All it takes is one spark for things to go wrong. Be a responsible neighbour and choose a natural-gas or propane-fuelled option instead.

DURHAM REGION WINS GOOD ROADS' MUNICIPAL CONCRETE AWARD FOR THE COCHRANE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT

Whitby, Ontario – At the recent Good Roads Conference, representatives from The Regional Municipality of Durham and Soncin Construction were presented with Good Roads' 2023 Municipal Concrete Award for the Cochrane Street Bridge Replacement Project, located over the Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) Rail. The modern design has active transportation features for both cyclists and pedestrians to cross the rail corridor. Sidewalk and on-street bike lanes safely transition into a single three-metre-wide shared multi-use path on the

bridge. The project involved complex work within a busy rail corridor. Construction was performed safely and finished on schedule at the end of 2023. The Cochrane Street Bridge Replacement Project was identified as a priority due to the original bridge's end of service life and the vital need to deliver transportation projects that ensure effective asset management, and improve active transportation as identified in Durham Region's Regional Cycling Plan. The Municipal Concrete Award, sponsored by Concrete Ontario, annually

recognizes successful municipal-private sector collaborations in concrete road and bridge construction in Ontario. Criteria for the award considered conformance to specifications based on testing, aesthetics, workmanship, innovation and the method on how the work was completed including public engagement. Good Roads is a municipal association that focuses on the quality and design of roads in Ontario. They have been devoted to the cause of better roads since 1894. Originally known as the Ontario Good Roads Association (and still using that name corporately), their

members include most of Ontario's municipalities and a growing number of First Nations as well as dozens of affiliated corporate members in the transportation and infrastructure sectors. For more information, visit goodroads.ca. "Durham Region's commitment to innovation is demonstrated in this project by working with the consultant and contractor to provide a modern design that balances the railway operations with the needs of cyclists, pedestrians and vehicle traffic within the community. Receiving this recognition from Good Roads shows the unique challenges

that came with completing a project of this magnitude while maintaining public safety and with minimal disruption to CP Rail Operations." - Dan Waechter, Acting Director of Transportation and Field Services The Cochrane Street Bridge Replacement Project was an innovative opportunity for a modern bridge design that will provide decades of service to the local community and a safe crossing for mixed-use traffic over the railway. Selection of bridge design elements was based on constructability within an active railway corridor with unique ground conditions.

Design incorporates CPKC Rail design criteria and includes railway horizontal and vertical clearances that exceed CPKC Rail's minimum safety requirements. The bridge design meets the standards for Transportation Association of Canada (TAC), Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code and Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) Structural Manual. Design commenced in 2019 and was completed in late 2022, with all permits for construction obtained, ready for public tender and construction in Spring 2023.