



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Enbridge Gas helps Laurentian Hills Fire Department Reduce Fire and Carbon Monoxide Deaths through Safe Community Project Zero**

**LAURENTIAN HILLS, ON, October 27, 2021** – Today, Enbridge Gas, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and the Laurentian Hills Fire Department announced they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Laurentian Hills Fire Department received 102 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero—a public education campaign that will provide over 16,600 alarms to residents in 70 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$500,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 13 years, the program has provided more than 68,000 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.

“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 Jean-Benoit Trahan, Director, Eastern Region Operations & Gazifere Operations, Enbridge Gas.

“The objective of Safe Community Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Ontario communities who need them the most,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. “It's a program that 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.”

“On behalf of myself and the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Enbridge for their continued support with helping the Laurentian Hills Fire Department to ensure the residents of our community are safe by donating these smoke/CO alarms,” says Fire Chief Kevin Waito.

### **About the Laurentian Hills Fire Department**

The Laurentian Hills Fire Department operates with thirty-eight firefighters and a fire chief. This group of dedicated volunteers train hard to provide not only fire protection, but also to educate residents in all matters of public safety. The department is always accepting applications for new firefighters. Applications can be obtained on the town web site or by dropping into the municipal office in Point Alexander. Applicants must be eighteen years of age or older, with a valid driver's license, have the ability to obtain a DZ license and be willing to attend regular training.

### **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." Chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Council 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 @FMPFSC.

### **About Enbridge Gas**

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