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## Plan still requires Erin's approval

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"The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is an independent regulatory body which has jurisdiction over production, distribution, transmission, and storage of natural gas in Ontario," said the company in its presentation. "Within Union Gas' regulatory framework, existing customers can not subsidize the costs of new customers."

The annual cost to taxpayers in Halton Hills and Erin will be minimal, at an estimated \$800 per year for Limehouse and approximately \$4,000 annually for Ballinafad. Since these are tax dollars, neither town would collect in the absence of the project - it's a zero-sum cost to taxpayers.

The next steps include getting approval from Erin council later this month before Union Gas can submit the application.

"If (the application is) successful, Union Gas would submit the project to the Ontario Energy Board



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The natural gas pipeline is expanding across Guelph Line just south of Derry Road on Friday afternoon.

for final approval," said the company.

Pending approvals, the earliest residents could expect service would be in 2019. Company reps told council March 2021 at the latest.

Councillors Jane Fogal and Bryan Lewis both raised questions about the possibility of expanding the plan to include other areas also currently not serviced. The company said it is open to exploring the possibility if and when this portion of the plan is approved by the province and OEB.



