

Beaugrand Township
Board of Trustees of
Cheboygan County
1999 Old Mackinaw Road
Cheboygan, MI 49721

Resolution 2016-__002____
Resolution on Enbridge's Line 5 Oversight

WHEREAS, Line 5 is a pipeline owned by Enbridge that transports crude oil and natural gas liquids since 1953 from Superior, WI, eastward across Michigan's Upper Peninsula to where a dual pipeline crosses the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, just west of the Mackinaw Bridge continuing South crossing under the Indian River, in Cheboygan County, on its route through the lower peninsula to its terminus point in Sarnia, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, Line 5 was constructed prior to Public Act 247 of 1955, the Great Lakes Submerged Land Act as amended which purpose is to protect the waters of the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes bottomlands by requiring a permit when constructing structures in the Great Lakes within Michigan; and

WHEREAS, there is a possible risk that Line 5 could develop a leak which could cause environmental damage to the Great Lakes as well as economic loss; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has the legal authority to manage the bottomlands and waters of the Great Lakes within Michigan from the prevention of pollution and to protect the natural resources of the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaugrand Township Board of Trustees request that Enbridge continues to operate at less than 25 percent of its maximum pressure capacity and carry nothing more than the light oil (not heavy crude oil) and natural gas liquids in Line 5 and continue to work with Governor Snyder through the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force to have the task force recommendations carried out as soon as possible, requiring an independent risk analysis and adequate financial assurance for the straits pipeline, an independent analysis of alternatives to the existing straits pipelines, as well as obtaining any additional information requested in the task force report to be completed and analyzed.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Beaugrand Township will send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Attorney General, our State Representatives and State Senators.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted on ____February 10, 2016

Terri Sarrault, Clerk
Beaugrand Township Board of Trustees