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Enbridge Gas presents cheque to Skills Ontario, continues support for the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Initiatives program

Ontario (November 15, 2019) – Earlier this week, Ian Howcroft, Chief Executive Officer of Skills Ontario met with Ken McCorkle, Manager of Indigenous Affairs at Enbridge Gas and Malini Giridhar, VP of Business Development and Regulatory at Enbridge Gas, and was presented with a \$20,000 cheque to go towards Skills Ontario programming to provide the province’s youth with experiential learning opportunities. Photos from the cheque presentation can be found [on Twitter](#).

Enbridge Gas is a Gold Partner with Skills Ontario and their sponsorship includes generous support of the Skills Ontario First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Initiatives (FNMI) program. The FNMI program aims to engage Indigenous youth by offering experiential learning opportunities and events to connect them to mentors in their community who have chosen a career in the skilled trades and technologies.

“Skills Ontario would not be able to offer the learning opportunities we do without our partners,” says Howcroft. “The skilled trades and technologies offer great career paths, and we aim to inspire youth to pursue these careers and ultimately become skilled professionals and fill the employment gap for the advancement of our economy. On behalf of Skills Ontario, thank you to Enbridge Gas for their ongoing support and investment in tomorrow’s leaders.”

“Organizations like Skills Ontario are helping a wide diversity of students, including women and Indigenous youth, realize their potential and passion in skilled trades and technology,” says Giridhar. “The values of Skills Ontario are strongly aligned with Enbridge’s values of safety integrity and respect.”

As a not-for-profit organization that relies on support from sponsors and partners, Skills Ontario is thrilled to provide presentations, host events, and connect education, experience, and employment for youth across the province throughout the year. For more information on Skills Ontario initiatives, please visit [the Skills Ontario website](#).

Skills Ontario – Promoting skilled trades and technologies in Ontario since 1989

Over the last 30 years, Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs including in-school presentations reaching 125,000 students across Ontario, career exploration summer camps, Young Women’s and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Career Exploration Conferences, and annually hosting Canada’s largest skills competition which attracts 37,000+ spectators who cheerlead the 2,400+ competitors in 68+ trades and tech categories. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario’s youth, visit [skillsontario.com/get-involved](#).

About Enbridge Gas Inc.

Enbridge Gas Inc. was formed on Jan. 1, 2019 from the amalgamation of Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution. Enbridge Gas is Canada’s largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario with a more than 170-year history of providing safe and reliable service to customers. The distribution business serves about 3.7 million customers, heating over 75 per cent of Ontario homes. The storage and transmission business offers a variety of storage and transportation services to customers at the Dawn Hub, the largest integrated underground storage facility in Canada and one of the largest in North America. Owned by Enbridge Inc., a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution.

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