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### **\$27.7 Million for Natural Gas Project in 3 municipalities will impact the entire Bruce County**

**Walkerton, Ontario:** Bruce County Warden Paul Eagleson praises the Municipality of Kincardine, the Municipality of Arran-Elderlies and the Township of Huron-Kinloss for their work to secure funding for the Southern Bruce natural gas project. The \$27.7 million grant from the Ministry of Infrastructure announced earlier this week significantly impacts the future energy costs for residents and business through the construction of gas facilities in these three communities. Benefits to the County as a whole will also occur”, he adds.

CAO Kelley Coulter explains that, “The impacts for the County’s existing focus on Economic Development are tremendous. Through our partnership with Bruce Power, we have supported the expansion of over 13 Bruce Power suppliers to our region over the past year and a half, which includes creating 100’s of new jobs.” She added that, “With the expansion of natural gas, it will create a more level playing field to see investments occur in more of our communities. As our commercial and residential base continues to grow, natural gas will provide more certainty for companies looking to locate in our County.”

Bruce County Council was advised today by the municipalities involved, that the next step is an announcement from the Ontario Energy Board which will confirm the company who will become the provider of the gas to the communities. This announcement is expected soon.

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