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Natural Gas Pipeline to be Constructed through City and Park

Halifax, NS – Yesterday, the National Energy Board released its ruling on Emera Brunswick Pipeline's proposal to construct a natural gas pipeline through the City of Saint John and Rockwood Park. The high-pressure pipeline will be used to transport natural gas from the Canaport LNG facility to the US Northeast.

"I can't say I am surprised by the ruling," says Rob Moir, an economist and an intervenor at the NEB hearings held last November. "The first rule of business is often business-as-usual."

Despite a 2007 Valentine's Day news report that al-Qaeda has specifically targeted Canadian energy export sources to the United States, the report says little about terrorism and security. "The security measures Emera proposes are no different than those used in Everett, Massachusetts," notes Moir, "and that facility was broken into 4 times in 2006. Emera did not factor a security breach into their quantitative risk assessment and it could be the citizens of Saint John that pay the price."

Opponents of the pipeline route through the City and Rockwood Park question the ruling and are considering their options.

"I think it would be a little early to conclude that this chapter is complete" suggests Moir.

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