



**Written submission from the
Grey Bruce Sustainability Network**

**Mémoire de
Grey Bruce Sustainability Network**

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

**Bruce Power Inc. – Bruce A and B
Nuclear Generating Station**

**Bruce Power Inc. - Centrale nucléaire de
Bruce A et Bruce B**

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear
Power Reactor Operating Licence for the
Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période
de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un
réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale
nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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P.O. Box 1046, Station B
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Grey Bruce Sustainability Network (GBSusNet) is pleased to formally submit this letter in support of Bruce Power's relicensing application. The Board of Directors is responsible for the oversight of programs and policies of our Ontario not-for-profit social enterprise.

GBSusNet brings together people, passion and projects to enhance the quality of life in our rural communities. We facilitate networking to enable the delivery of projects that would not otherwise be possible. By combining the efforts of governments, corporations, schools, NGOs and the public, Bruce Power has established itself as a key supporter of a tremendous number and variety of programs throughout our region. With regard to the GBSusNet specifically, Bruce Power has supported innovative community programming with financial, in-kind, technical, and vocational assistance.

For the past three years the financial support from Bruce Power has formed a solid base of support for much of GBSusNet programming. This financial support has allowed GBSusNet to attract additional funders and program partners needed to ensure the delivery of successful projects. These projects include CareerWorks programming, a Coffeehouse series, sustainability workshops, regional asset mapping, youth portal career project, as well as plastics, compost, and binder recycling programs.

The CareerWorks program introduces students to employment opportunities available locally in the fields of energy, food, water management and production and most recently theatre. These day long interactive sessions engage youth with practical information regarding training and career paths. The events speak directly to providing local employment opportunities and the retention of a skilled workforce required to ensure strong sustainable rural communities. Many of these programs will result in increased awareness to our natural and built environment, while hoping to encourage improvements to our natural environment.

The Sustainable Living Workshops delivered in the past year have provided participants the opportunity to be mentored by various experts in the field of sustainable living. Attendees benefit from hands on sessions in eco-construction, local food preparation, horticulture and outdoor living skills. These sessions have attracted participants both locally and internationally and Bruce Power's assistance has allowed this programming to be delivered at an extremely reasonable rate for attendees.

The Coffeehouse Collective Series has been hosted throughout Bruce and Grey counties. These casual networking sessions combine culture and content in a manner that enables local leaders to develop partnerships and awareness leading to new project development.

The Sustainability Asset Map project (SAM) is a core, ongoing function of GBSusNet with the goal of assembling data on groups, agencies, government and businesses that contribute to some aspect of sustainable community development, sharing this data through a geo-map as well as a "searchable database" and identifying new collaborative partnerships and projects.

GB SusNet, Bruce Power, Brockton and Walkerton Community Living have combined to develop a project that diverts waste, repurposes and recycles material in a manner that directly benefits multiple sectors of the community. Each year Bruce Power generates a large number of surplus binders that have been traditionally been disposed of in local landfills. The Binder Deconstruction Project donates reusable binders to schools, daycares, and social service agencies throughout Bruce and Grey Counties. The remaining binders not suitable for reuse are deconstructed by workers in Walkerton's Community Living Programme. The binder's metal rings are recycled and the cardboard side panels are carefully removed and donated to schools, daycares community centres, summer camps and libraries, where they are used for arts and crafts. Over 50 organizations have been reached by this programme which creates local employment, diverts waste and adds valuable resource capacity to our community's

Rural communities must retain a significant percentage of their youthful population if they are to remain economically, socially and environmentally viable in the future. The Youth Portal Project will allow regional post-secondary students and grads to showcase their skill sets and project aspirations. The goal of this project is to foster networking between individual youth, NGOs, governments and corporations leading to valuable paid work experience and new project development.

Finally, Bruce Power's support of innovative community programming allows GBSusNet to turn aspirational goals into vital new programming. The results of this increase in programming in Bruce and Grey Counties will support and improve our health, culture, youth and youth retention as well as result in a better understanding and protection of our natural environment. Bruce Power's model of community support should be applauded as worthy of replication in other parts of the Province and the Country.

Sincerely Yours, On behalf of the Board of Directors

Beth Anne Currie, Board Chairperson; Barry Randall, Managing Director