



**Written submission from the  
Saugeen Shores Chamber  
of Commerce**

**Mémoire de la  
Saugeen Shores Chamber  
of Commerce**

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

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

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

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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**

**Audience publique de la Commission –  
Partie 2**

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Commission Secretariat  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
280 Slater St.  
P.O. Box 1046, Station B  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

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Dear Commission Members,

As General Manager of the Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of the Board of Directors and our more than 400 members in strong support of the renewal of Bruce Power's Power Operating Licence for 10-years.

It's important to note this support is based on years of familiarity with the nuclear industry and a clear understanding of the strong safety and community engagement culture at Bruce Power. The dedicated and professional employees of Bruce Power are our neighbours, customers and friends and it is impossible not to see the integrity, professionalism and commitment to safety and community they demonstrate individually and collectively each and every day.

We understand and appreciate the strong oversight role the CNSC plays, providing another layer of safety for the nuclear industry and we thank the commission for the opportunity to provide input to this important process.

As you know, in August 2017, Bruce Power received its annual report card which focuses on all aspects of the company's performance. Bruce Power received grades of either satisfactory or fully satisfactory in all categories and as community members it is comforting to know that radiation doses to the public were well below the regulatory limit, radiation doses to workers were below the regulatory limits and no radiological releases to the environment exceeded the regulatory limits. This is the kind of performance Bruce Power demonstrates year-after-year and the results of these independent reviews are available for all Canadians to see which highlights the transparency of the nuclear industry in Canada.

Another strength of Bruce Power is its commitment to constantly improve. This was demonstrated following the earthquake and tsunami which impacted Fukushima in 2011 when Bruce Power enhanced various safety features on its site. Not only did Bruce Power make these improvements, they communicated them widely to area residents so the community understood what was happening. This is typical of a company that regularly offers updates to the surrounding communities so residents are aware of any changes. In 2015, Bruce Power opened its state of the art Fire Training Facility as another example of its commitment to safety and continuous improvement.

We commend Bruce Power for the environmental leadership it demonstrates by providing clean, reliable, low-cost electricity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Over the past decade, with the return to service of Bruce A, Bruce Power has provided 70 per cent of the energy Ontario needed to close its coal plants. The results of this have been significant and according to a 2005 Ontario Ministry of Energy report, the benefits to phasing out coal could avoid 25,000 emergency room visits.

Bruce Power has proven to be very supportive of its neighbouring communities contributing more than \$1.3 million each year to worthwhile community initiatives, many of which have a safety component. The support from Bruce Power gives an important boost to local initiatives and organizations so they can continue to improve the quality of life for residents in communities like ours, and make our area one of the greatest places to live in Ontario. Examples include their outreach and education in support of our Business Recognition Awards, local festival and events such as our Pumpkinfest and most recently our Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. Bruce Power is part of the fabric of our community, from support for our local hospital campaigns and doctor recruitment initiatives to helping create safety, risk management and emergency plans for our local events and fireworks displays, their support is invaluable.

Acting in our capacity as Tourist Information Centres in two locations within Saugeen Shores, it should be noted that the Bruce Power Visitors' Centre has become a must-see premier destination for our visitors and their families. The Exhibit Hall houses dozens of interactive displays that educate young and old and take the "unclear" out of "nuclear". While local residents' familiarity with the nuclear industry is understood, we commend Bruce Power for educating beyond the local reach. This includes the Summer Bus tour program which attracted 4,400 people in 2017. By offering two bus tours a day, seven days a week, Bruce Power opened its doors to people from around the province, country and world. The Summer Bus Tour Program has continued to increase in popularity year-over-year since it began in 2014.

The economic health of the community is also benefiting from Bruce Power's growth including the formation of a Nuclear Economic Development and Innovation Initiative. The Bruce County – Bruce Power partnership has redefined how the public and private sectors can collectively work together to achieve a common goal and help secure the long-term success of an industry and a region. The innovative initiative was made possible through close integration with Bruce Power's execution of its Life Extension program, which began in 2016 and remains on-time and on-budget.

The Bruce, Grey and Huron Region is very quickly being recognized globally as a nuclear industry center of excellence, key successes in 2017 include securing the expansion of 12 of Bruce Power's major suppliers into the region; more than doubling the existing local supply chain companies in the area. As a result of these new expansions, an additional 250 jobs have been added to the local economy in the next few years.

The relocation of suppliers to our area is in keeping with Bruce Power's value of Safety First, as employees moving to the area are greatly reducing their time on the roads which can be dangerous particularly during winter months when severe weather can make travelling long distances unpredictable. We are especially pleased to see Bruce Power's Indigenous Relations Suppliers Network locate in Saugeen Shores in an office shared with the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries. The Indigenous Relations Suppliers Network will assist with efforts to increase employment from Indigenous communities, and to leverage business development opportunities as a way to create new – and support existing – Indigenous-owned businesses.

The Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce has full confidence in Bruce Power based on its outstanding safety record, openness and commitment to the environment and the communities around it and fully support the renewal of its Power Reactor Operating Licence for 10 years.

Sincerely,



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