



**Written submission from the
Clarington Board of Trade and
Office of Economic Development**

**Mémoire du
Clarington Board of Trade and
Office of Economic Development**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Darlington New Nuclear Project

**Projet de nouvelle centrale nucléaire de
Darlington**

Application to renew the nuclear power
reactor site preparation licence for the
Darlington New Nuclear Project

Demande de renouvellement du permis de
préparation de l'emplacement d'une centrale
nucléaire pour le projet de nouvelle centrale
nucléaire de Darlington

Commission Public Hearing

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March 22, 2021

Senior Tribunal Officer, Secretariat
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Re: The renewal of the Site Preparation Licence for the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

Dear Senior Tribunal Officer,

The Clarington Board of Trade and Office of Economic Development (CBOT) has served the Municipality of Clarington and our business community for over 20 years as we deliver services to ensure a healthy and vibrant environment for business and economic success in our community.

CBOT represents thousands of business leaders in our community and remain engaged and knowledgeable about developments and opportunities in The Municipality of Clarington and Region of Durham. Our involvement with the nuclear portfolio in Clarington is founded on transparent communication with the Darlington Nuclear Station leadership and the nuclear supply chain through mutual participation on various projects between our organizations.

CBOT has in the past and continues to support the opportunities that new nuclear developments will bring to our community and we welcome direct and indirect impact to our business community and economy at large. The DNNP would advance opportunities for businesses and workers within Canada's nuclear industry and across its supply chains. Many high-quality jobs in the skilled trades and science, technology, and engineering sectors will be directly and indirectly promoted.

In August 2012, the CNSC issued the Licence to Prepare Site to OPG for a 10 year period. In November 2020, OPG announced that they will be resuming planning activities for future nuclear power generation at this licenced site adjacent to the Darlington Nuclear Station in the Municipality of Clarington. CBOT supported the original licencing of this site in 2012 and not only support the renewal of the licence but strongly encourage it.

The nuclear industry is on the cusp of launching new technologies with SMR's emerging into the market, the site at Darlington is ready to allow Ontario to be leaders in this revolutionary stage in the industry. We know from experience that Ontario Power Generation is a great steward of the land, its operations and assets and can be assured that they have continued to preserve the integrity, value and preparedness of this site to ensure that it is safe for next generation development as it becomes available in the not so far future.

Through extensive studies and assessments, OPG has demonstrated that the construction and operation of a new nuclear generation station at the DNNP site would not pose any unreasonable risk to the public, personnel, or environment

Ontario needs a strong future for clean reliable and affordable electricity, SMR's are a key pillar to Ontario Power Generations Climate Change Plan and the Darlington New Nuclear Site is vetted and ready for development.

CBOT and our membership have had many opportunities through our Energy Summits, events and OPG's extensive stakeholder and public consultations to understand the scope of the work that has been done and continues to be done. Now is the time to help progress this energy opportunity forward.

Further, OPG has continued to regularly engage with Indigenous communities, the public, government agencies, and other stakeholders on all aspects of the DNNP and the licence renewal process. OPG respects the treaty rights and priorities of identified Indigenous communities regarding the protection of the natural environment, nuclear safety, and meaningful engagement

In closing, CBOT supports the renewal of the Site Preparation Licence for the Darlington New Nuclear Project.

Yours sincerely,

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