



**Written submission from the  
Municipality of Clarington**

**Mémoire de la  
Municipalité de Clarington**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Canadian Nuclear Laboratories**

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**Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens**

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Application to renew its waste nuclear  
substance licence for the Port Hope Project

Demande concernant le renouvellement du  
permis de déchets de substances nucléaires  
pour le projet de Port Hope

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# Clarington

Senior Tribunal Officer, Secretariat  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
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Subject: Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application for a 10-year renewal of its Waste Nuclear Substance Licence for the continuation of the Port Hope Area Initiative - Reference Number: 2022-H-13.

Dear Secretariat:

On behalf of the Municipality of Clarington, I submit this letter of support for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application to renew its Port Hope Area Initiative waste nuclear substance licence for a period of 10 years.

Clarington is one of eight municipalities located within the Region of Durham. With a growing population of 105,000 residents, Clarington offers a blend of city living, natural features, and rural charm. The municipality forms the eastern boundary of the Greater Toronto Area and includes four urban areas, thirteen hamlets, and Greenbelt protected farmlands, bluffs, and trails alongside our cherished Lake Ontario.

The municipality includes the small hamlet of Port Granby, located on the shore of Lake Ontario. For many decades, a closed site containing many tonnes of historic low-level radioactive waste, the Port Granby Waste Facility, was located on a lakeshore site in the hamlet. The waste materials were deposited at that site by the former Eldorado Nuclear Corporation from the 1950s to the 1980s.

CNL has now addressed this long-standing environmental issue with the completion of the remediation of that lakeshore site as part of the Port Hope Area Initiative cleanup. This cleanup work involved the removal of over 1 million tonnes of waste away from the Lake Ontario shoreline to a modern facility that CNL has constructed approximately 1 kilometre to the north of the old site. As signatory to the 2001 Port Hope Area initiative Legal Agreement, the Municipality of Clarington has been closely involved with this cleanup effort.

Our municipal staff and peer review team have worked closely with CNL since the Environmental Assessment and public consultation phase of the Port Granby Project. It is apparent that the highest standards for safety and environmental protection have been adhered to by CNL while delivering the project in Port Granby. CNL has taken every reasonable action to minimize disturbance to the community, address resident concerns as they arise, and has been open and transparent with the public about their activities.

As Mayor of Clarington during this period, I can attest to the very high standards for public safety and environmental protection that CNL has demonstrated through its actions over the past 10-year period. Now that this project has been completed, the environmental benefit is clear. In fact, I recently attended an event at the Port Granby long-term waste management facility to celebrate the completion of the work, and I had the opportunity to walk the lands where the historic waste was previously located. I was very pleased to see that the area had been restored with new soil, grass is now growing, and trees are being replanted. I also understand that CNL has been reporting its environmental monitoring data and water treatment results to Clarington's municipal peer review team on an ongoing basis. Lake Ontario is now better protected than it has been in many years as are the surrounding lands.

I have stated many times that CNL has also done great work in the community to provide local employment and business opportunities. CNL has worked closely with our local Board of Trade and Economic Development and generated millions of dollars in sub-contracts, supplies and services have been generated as a result of the PHAI project.

I also want to commend CNL for their ongoing transparency and communication, not only with municipal staff and council, but most importantly with local residents and other community members, especially those living in the Port Granby hamlet. The issue of managing radioactive waste is very serious and important to local residents that live and raise their families in the community. In my tenor as Mayor, I have attended many community meetings and heard the concerns of local residents about the waste issue and the PHAI. I know that CNL has worked with the local community since the start to establish forums for ongoing dialogue, to remain open and transparent about the project and the science involved, and to address concerns from residents as they arise. The community relations efforts in this regard has been just as important as the cleanup itself.

If CNL's application is approved by the Commission, the municipality of Clarington recommends that CNL continue to do the following:

- Perform safe site operations and continued environmental monitoring at the long-term waste management facility and surrounding area for as long as is necessary.
- Maintain a communications program to ensure community members have access to important and timely information about the operations and phases of the Port Granby long-term waste management facility.
- Ensure ongoing coordination, planning and site access for fire and emergency services as it relates to the CNL-operated site.
- Provide environmental monitoring data, wastewater treatment plant results, and operational information to municipal staff, as needed.
- Provide periodic updates on the PHAI project to Municipal Council.



- Ensure environmental monitoring information is publicly available and easily accessible by any member of the community.

Based on CNL's overall performance, I have full confidence that CNL has the experience and ability to effectively manage the long-term monitoring and operation phase of this project. On behalf of the Municipality of Clarington, I submit this letter of support for CNL's PHAI licence renewal application.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to intervene in this matter,

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