



**Written submission from
Grey Bruce Public Health**

**Mémoire de
Grey Bruce Public Health**

Bruce Power

**Bruce Power Mid-Term Update of
Licensed Activities**

Bruce Power

**Rapport de mi-parcours au sujet
des activités autorisées de Bruce
Power**

Commission Meeting

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To whom it may concern,

As part of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's mid-term review of Bruce Power's 10-year operating licence, Grey Bruce Public Health (GBPH) respectfully wishes to provide this submission to outline the collaborative work between Bruce Power and GBPH over the past five years and the important role Bruce Power has and continues to play in fostering healthy communities within Grey-Bruce, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout the pandemic emergency, Bruce Power remained a stalwart supporter of GBPH's effort to keep Grey Bruce residents and businesses informed of evolving public health guidance and recommendations.

This collaboration began early in the pandemic, with Bruce Power hosting telephone and virtual Town Hall-style and Facebook Live events with health officials, including Grey-Bruce's Medical Officer of Health. Bruce Power also sponsored a Grey Bruce-wide mailout of urgent COVID-19 information, along with the dissemination of a 30-second message on protecting yourself from COVID-19 to phones in Grey Bruce.

This early, timely, and well-distributed information proved to be critical in the fight against this novel virus.

Bruce Power worked in lockstep with Grey Bruce Public Health as it prepared for and rolled out a mass vaccination plan in the region. Company officials also served on the Grey Bruce COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force from its inception to its dissolution.

In 2021, Bruce Power provided financial, resource, and logistical support to help convert three arenas – the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound, P&H Centre in Hanover, and Davidson Centre in Kincardine – into mass immunization "Hockey Hubs."

In partnership with Grey Bruce Public Health, Bruce Power also set up Hockey Hub vaccination clinics in January 2022 at its warehouse in Chesley as well as in Owen Sound and Port Elgin. This enabled GBPH to make COVID-19 booster doses available to the entire eligible population in Grey Bruce over a two-week period, as the area and the Province grappled with a rise in COVID-19 cases as a result of the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

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Bruce Power also collaborated with Grey Bruce Public Health to establish and assist with a Hockey Hub mass vaccination clinic in Brampton as the Delta variant was quickly spreading through the community.

Also during the pandemic, Bruce Power: donated freezer units to GBPH for COVID-19 vaccines; provided three million pieces of personal protective equipment to frontline workers, businesses, Indigenous communities, and schools; purchased mask-cleaning machines for local hospitals and thermos temperature regulators for long-term care homes; set up a recovery centre in partnership with Saugeen First Nation during a community outbreak; and invested in other public education and community protection efforts.

SUPPORTING OVERALL COMMUNITY HEALTH

Grey Bruce Public Health's mandate is to support a shared effort with local partners to foster healthy communities – that is, to encourage the conditions in which people can be healthy. The determinants of good health are shaped by many factors, including the social, economic, and physical environment. Each of these factors must be nurtured positively as they all play a significant role in influencing healthy choices and actions.

Bruce Power has, and continues to play, an important role in contributing to healthy communities in Grey Bruce. As the area's largest employer, Bruce Power's positive influence on the overall well-being of the region is seen through improved income levels, healthy workplaces, educational opportunities, and strengthened community support networks.

Bruce Power also supports physical and mental health initiatives. In 2018, Bruce Power approved a four-year grant to support GBPH's *Longest Day of PLAY* initiative in 17 local municipalities and Saugeen First Nation. This funding allowed communities to host events, purchase equipment, and undertake promotional activities that encouraged people of all ages to be active through regular play. In 2019, Bruce Power provided \$20,000 to support GBPH's Youth Mental Health and Addiction Champion program.

Grey Bruce Public Health values its relationship with Bruce Power and recognizes the company for being a good corporate citizen as well as a committed key partner as we work together for a healthier future for all.

Yours truly,



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