



**Written submission from the  
Durham Community Foundation**

**Mémoire de la  
Durham Community Foundation**

In the Matter of the

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**Ontario Power Generation Inc.**

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Application to extend the operation of  
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station  
Units 5 to 8 until December 31, 2026

Demande visant à prolonger l'exploitation  
des tranches 5 à 8 de la centrale nucléaire de  
Pickering jusqu'au 31 décembre 2026

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**June 2024**

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**From:** [Durham Community Foundation](#)  
**To:** [cncs.interventions.ccsn@canada.ca](mailto:cncs.interventions.ccsn@canada.ca)  
**Subject:** RE: Amendment request to operate Pickering Nuclear's Units 5 to 8 for an additional two years.  
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On behalf of Durham Community Foundation, I am writing to express our support for Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) application to amend its current licence with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to operate Pickering Nuclear's Units 5 to 8 to the end of 2026, which is an additional two years.

Pickering Nuclear plays an important role in providing clean, safe, reliable, and low-cost electricity to the Province of Ontario. We believe that OPG will continue to make public safety their top priority and operate the plant to the highest safety standards.

They continue to maintain open and transparent communications with organizations like ours, and the community at large. We are confident OPG has taken the appropriate measures to ensure safe, reliable operations for another two years, and will continue to operate with the same standards of excellence.

OPG also strives to make a difference in the community by creating strong partnerships and relationships.

During the pandemic, they were the first company to connect with us to see how they could better support charity needs in our community. We shared how through open dialogue with local nonprofits we discovered that charity leaders in the Region of Durham were experiencing stress of such magnitude, it caused anxiety, depression, substance abuse, trauma, and personal and professional relationship issues. The problem is endemic in Durham beyond our grantees. A causative factor is unrelenting demand for services in the face of decreasing resources and untenable expectations around meeting them, absent human, financial, and material resources to support leaders.

With OPG's financial support we offered a series of tailored mental health workshops to support nonprofit leaders and their staff. The program was so well received that we continued to offer it several times a year throughout the pandemic. This support would not have been possible without OPG's financial commitment.

We also know that of the 4,500 employees that work at the Pickering station many live in our community. They are our neighbours, friends, family, and we trust they will take every measure necessary to ensure the safety and well being of the residents within Durham. As a result, we are confident in supporting the amendment request to operate Pickering Nuclear's Units 5 to 8 for an additional two years.

Sincerely,

*Vivian*

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**Durham Community Foundation**

Established in 1994, by a dedicated group of families, Durham Community Foundation (DCF) is one of 201 Community Foundations in Canada.

We are committed to building a resilient and caring community in the Region of Durham through our endowments, leadership and philanthropy.

Our forever funds (endowments) are invested wisely, ensuring permanent financial resources for our Foundation to support students seeking a post secondary education and charitable organizations receiving essential funds to address the most pressing needs throughout the Region of Durham.

Since inception DCF has granted \$6.5 Million to 400+ charities.

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