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the Musquash Fire -
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**Mémoire de Musquash
Fire - Rescue Department**

**Regulatory Oversight Report
for Canadian Nuclear Power
Generating Sites for 2023**

**Rapport de surveillance
réglementaire des sites
nucléaires pour 2023**

Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

February 25, 2025

Le 25 février 2025



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SUBJECT: Upcoming public meeting on the Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites: 2023 (Ref. 2024-M-26)

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this written submission regarding the above-noted report to be discussed at the CNSC meeting on February 25, 2025.

My name is Wayne Pollock, and I am Fire Chief of the Musquash Volunteer Fire-Rescue Department, Musquash, New Brunswick. I am also the co-chair of the Community Liaison Committee for New Brunswick Power's Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station (PLNGS). In this written intervention, I will be providing comments representing both of my roles.

Musquash Volunteer Fire-Rescue

The Musquash Volunteer Fire-Rescue Department is located in the Parish of Musquash, which includes the nuclear plant. I have lived in the Musquash community for more than 50 years and am proud to have raised my family here. I have been the Fire Chief for more than 35 years.

The Musquash Department provides fire and rescue services for an area that encompasses nine communities and approximately 15000 dwellings. We have over 65 members who provide volunteer service, all of whom live within the communities. We have 13 of our members who work at Point Lepreau and seven of them are part of the station's Emergency Response Team (ERT).

We also support the New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization Warden service by assisting with the distribution of potassium iodide (KI) pills and information on emergency preparedness and response to our community members.

For many years, NB Power and the Musquash Fire-Rescue Department have enjoyed a long-standing co-operative partnership.

Through many years of participating together in rigorous training, drills, and joint planning sessions, we have built – and continue to maintain – a strong, cohesive team which allows us to provide superior fire protection and response to the community and the station. My firefighters are well trained and very familiar with the PLNGS site and are ready to assist should an emergency ever occur. Likewise, we know we can count on the exceptional skills of the station's ERT should we need their assistance in the community.

This is true collaboration, and we are proud that our successful partnership has been recognized by the World Association of Nuclear Operators as industry best practice.

Each year, the relationship continues to strengthen thanks to new initiatives and opportunities.

For example, in 2023, PLNGS, in collaboration with the Musquash Department, hosted a fire response training and working session at the station which included firefighting professionals from across New Brunswick.

While hosting this type of session was not new for us, what was unique this time was the inclusion of firefighters and emergency response representatives from First Nations communities.

Attendees shared knowledge and best practices, enhanced their skills, and helped each other build robust response plans for their communities. For some of the First Nations representatives, this was their first opportunity to learn about PLNGS and the unique aspects of firefighting in a nuclear environment.

The session was very well received by all participants. Initiatives like this help build relationships within the firefighting community and ensure the highest level of response capability across the province.

We look forward to continuing our long-standing partnership with PLNGS and providing exemplary fire response for the entire community, including support for the PLNGS site.

The Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station Community Liaison Committee

I would now like to comment on my role as co-chair of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station Community Liaison Committee.

I have the privilege of co-chairing the committee with Kathleen Duguay, Point Lepreau's Manager of Community Affairs and Nuclear Regulatory Protocol.

The Committee has been in place for almost 30 years. It includes members that represent a cross-section of station and community interests, including business, environment, health, municipal government, safety, emergency preparedness, station neighbours, and the general public.

The purpose of the Committee is to create:

- A formal mechanism through which to interact and receive information, feedback or concerns from community members relating to activities of the NB Power generating station (or adjacent transmission equipment);
- A means (in addition to emails and web-site information) to inform the community of matters of general interest relating to the station, with particular emphasis on issues relating to health, safety, environment, and emergency preparedness planning; and,
- A mechanism to provide suggestions directly to station management on how to continuously improve the information exchange with the community.

The committee meets quarterly; in addition, regular communication between station staff and committee members is ongoing through a number of methods, including newsletters, media advisories, or just a telephone call when needed, to clarify information or provide an update.

Communication works both ways and we have developed a relationship where information is shared openly and transparently. Questions from committee members are answered and concerns are addressed. This has helped to build confidence and trust between the community and the station.

In 2023, PLNGS station leadership and staff continued to keep the CLC well informed on a wide range of topics of interest. We received regular updates on the station's safety and operational performance, environment and emissions reports, regulatory activities, station emergency preparedness and security, station outages, community activities, timely and transparent updates on station events, the ARC-100 SMR project, and received a corporate update from NB Power's President.

We also received in-depth briefings on activities that were unique to 2023, including the extensive Security Exercise that took place on site (which included local, provincial, and national agencies), as well as timely updates on the station event that took the plant off line in November 2023. CLC members also participated in the annual community open houses hosted by PLNGS, where we shared information with community members about our role on the committee.

In conclusion, thank you for the opportunity to share my experiences as part of this process. During my 50 years as a community resident and in my professional role, I have worked directly with the men and women at Point Lepreau. I can attest to NB Power's culture of safety, not only when it comes to *fire* safety but in all respects: their employees, visitors, the public and the surrounding environment.

We look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial partnership with PLNGS for many years into the future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Pollock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "P".

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And PLNGS Community Relations Liaison Co-Chair
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