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**Written Submission from
Mayor Shaun Collier (Town of Ajax)**

**Mémoire de
maire Shaun Collier (Ville d'Ajax)**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

Ontario Power Generation

Application to refurbish Pickering Nuclear
Generating Station and to renew licences
for the Pickering Nuclear Generating
Station and Waste Management Facility

Ontario Power Generation

Demande concernant la réfection de la
centrale nucléaire de Pickering et le
renouvellement de ses permis pour la
centrale et l'installation de gestion des
déchets

**Commission Public Hearing
Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission
Partie 2**

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Submitted via email to:
interventions@cnscccsn.gc.ca

RE: CNSC Public Hearing for Ontario Power Generation to refurbish Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and to renew the operating license for Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Waste Management Facility.

I am pleased to submit this written intervention to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in response to the request by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to refurbish Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and renew operating licenses for both PNGS and the associated Waste Management Facility. Please accept this written intervention ahead of the CNSC public hearing scheduled the week of October 5, 2026.

PNGS has made significant contributions to Province and surrounding communities over its long history in Pickering; and would continue to make a positive impact on the community while producing 2,100 MW of clean and reliable power for next 30 years or more. This \$26.8 billion project would contribute significantly to the local and regional economy; also providing a \$38.2 billion lift to Ontario's GDP over the project's full lifespan. PNGS provides excellent employment opportunities to the residents of Ajax and across the Region of Durham.

OPG has been an exceptional corporate citizen both in Ajax and throughout the Region, supporting hundreds of community organizations and initiatives with funding and in-kind support. In Ajax, OPG has supported tree planting programs, and meaningful event sponsorship for Town events including Winterfest, Canada Day, Santa Claus Parade, New Years Eve celebrations, and the recent FIFA watch parties to celebrate Canada's participation in the World Cup. The Town sincerely appreciates these efforts, which demonstrate OPG's commitment to education, environmental stewardship, and community engagement. A new OPG training facility was recently opened in Ajax that will provide hands-on experience to thousands of skilled trades staff that will be needed to support the upcoming refurbishment program.

OPG has also always provided excellent communication with myself, Ajax Council and residents through face-to-face interactions, presentations to Ajax and Regional Council, community newsletters, community information sessions, and the through the Nuclear Information Centre in Pickering. Ajax staff are also a member of the OPG Community Advisory Council (CAC) at the PNGS and attend regular meetings to receive updates on activities at the generating station and throughout the community. The CAC provides an opportunity for

members to ask questions and receive regular updates on station operations and safety; waste management; annual updates on environmental and groundwater monitoring; emergency preparedness and systems testing; and hear directly from experts from the station and across the nuclear industry. Ajax staff also attended a stakeholder information session on June 2, 2026, to hear more and ask questions about the refurbishment and license extension.

Based on my experience with OPG and the CNSC staff recommendation to support the refurbishment and license extension for a period of 10 years until December 31, 2036, I support OPG's application. I look forward to continued partnership with OPG in all their future endeavours and the continuation of the long-standing partnership which the Town and OPG have cultivated over the last 25 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Collier', with a stylized, cursive script.

Shaun Collier
Mayor & CEO - Town of Ajax

Cc: Ajax Council
Sean McCullough, Supervisor of Policy, Planning and Research