



CMD 26-H7.D - CNSC Staff Supplemental Information to the Commission

Ontario Power Generation Application to Refurbish Pickering Units 5 to 8 and Renew and Consolidate the Operating Licences of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Pickering Waste Management Facility

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CMD 26-H7.D – Renseignements supplémentaires du personnel de la CCSN à l’intention de la Commission

Demande d'Ontario Power Generation visant à remettre à neuf les tranches 5 à 8 de Pickering et à renouveler les permis d'exploitation de la centrale nucléaire de Pickering et de l'installation de gestion des déchets de Pickering

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

To Candace Salmon
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Commission

CMD# 26-H7.D

Fully releasable ATIP :

Yes

Subject: Filing of supplemental information to the Commission / Dépôt de renseignements
supplémentaires à la Commission

Background/Issue

The subject of this supplemental information is with respect to the ongoing consultation and engagement by CNSC staff on OPG's Pickering Licence Application. This information will support the Commission's determination with respect to the adequacy of consultation and engagement as an Agent of the Crown.

DISCUSSION

Ontario Power Generation Inc. has applied to refurbish Pickering Units 5 to 8 and renew and consolidate the operating licences of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Pickering Waste Management Facility (Application). The Part-2 Commission hearing for this Application is scheduled for October 6-9, 2026 in Ajax, Ontario. This hearing will include focus on interventions from Indigenous Nations and communities and CNSC staff's consultation and engagement activities.

Consultation and engagement with Indigenous Nations and communities continues through the public Commission hearing process, until the Commission record closes. CNSC staff have continued consultation and engagement work with Indigenous Nations and communities since the filing of the supplemental CMD on September 21, 2026. This work has produced additional records of relevance to the Commission as a decision-maker and as agent of the Crown. CNSC staff are requesting for this additional information and correspondence to be added to the record to ensure the Commission has a fulsome and complete record of consultation and



engagement activities conducted by CNSC staff, including recent correspondence between CNSC staff and Indigenous Nations and communities related to OPG's Application.

CONCLUSION

CNSC staff request that this supplemental information, CMD 26-H7.D, be accepted onto the record of the hearing.

Appendix A: Supplemental Issues and Concerns Raised by Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

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Subject: RE: Follow Up: DWI & Offsets Concerns
Sent: 2026-10-01 4:53:36 PM

Hi Sam,
I wanted to reach back out and let you know that we were able to get something together in time to submit to the Commission. Pending the Commission's acceptance of the documents, given that our submission is being sent after the filing deadline, the information you provided in your email below will be included on the record in writing rather than just our speakers notes as proposed before.
We found your email particularly helpful in providing a clear breakdown of the outstanding concerns related to the DWI. As mentioned, we shared these concerns with DFO, and CNSC staff remain committed to supporting and participating in engagement on this matter wherever it may be helpful.

Thank you again for taking the time to clearly set out these concerns.
Best regards,
Jamie

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EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hi again Jamie,

Please see below the text we collectively drafted describing the background and status of our concern.

Thank you, let me know if you have any questions!
Sam

The Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg Nations of the Williams Treaties First Nations (MS-WTFNs) have been working with OPG to identify suitable offsetting projects for the Pickering NGS Deep Water Intake (DWI) project that would support ecological restoration and exercise of Rights. The MS-WTFNs have proposed and prioritized three projects to OPG and the regulators that would support both components. These projects are:

Project	Proposed by	Benefits/rationale	Concern
Goodyear Dam / Bowmanville Creek Dam	MS-WTFN	- Project would support the removal of existing failing dam to support restoration of a large breadth of fish species, other aquatic organism and ecosystem processes - Increase in culturally important species would support traditional seasonal harvesting opportunities - Supported by MS-WTFN communities, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, OPG, and Municipality of Clarington	DFO did not support this project, citing concerns for Sea Lamprey production.
Morningside Creek Energy Dissipator	MS-WTFN	Project would support the removal of existing engineered structure to support restoration of a large breadth of fish species, other aquatic organism and ecosystem processes	DFO did not support this project, citing concerns for Sea Lamprey production.

		- Habitat is part of occupied Redside Dace habitat, a federal species at risk - Removal of this structure would facilitate the transfer of the valley lands into Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP), supporting long-term protection as well as RNUP supported First Nation Guardians program and harvesting opportunities - Supported by MS-WTFN communities, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, OPG, City of Toronto, and RNUP	It has not been identified to the MS-WTFN that this had previously been identified as a control structure, or Morningside Creek supporting lamprey production.
Artificial Reef Cleaning	MS-WTFN	Project would support restoring existing reef habitat in Lake Ontario using methodology used by New York Department of Environmental Conservation supporting native fish restoration	DFO did not support this project, citing concerns around untested methodology.
Artificial Reef Creation	OPG	Project would create an artificial reef conceptually supporting Lake Trout and Lake Whitefish spawning habitat creation	- MS-WTFN have expressed concern around narrow focus of species, lack of technical assessment/merit; - Unclear how this may support MS-WTFN harvesters or other Rights.

The MS-WTFNs have proposed three offsetting projects that would support ecological and fisheries restoration while also providing benefits to the exercise of Rights. The Nations have particularly prioritized habitat reconnection because of its potential to restore fish passage and ecological processes, benefit multiple species and life stages, and support harvesting and stewardship opportunities.

The MS-WTFNs are concerned that DFO has not supported any of the Nation-identified offsetting initiatives and that the process is consequently moving toward OPG's artificial reef proposal. In particular, the Nations are concerned that sea lamprey management objectives are being used to constrain the removal of historical barriers without meaningful consideration with the Nations of how maintaining those barriers affects Rights, Relationships, and Responsibilities to relatives.

The Nations are concerned that this could result in new project impacts being authorized while preventing opportunities to both compensate for those impacts and address existing historical impacts. The MS-WTFNs request a holistic assessment that considers fisheries management alongside cumulative impacts, ecological connectivity, Indigenous Knowledge, and Rights, rather than allowing a single fisheries management objective to prevent Nation-identified restoration opportunities from proceeding.

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Subject: Re: Follow Up: DWI & Offsets Concerns

Hi Jamie,

Thank you for looking into this for us. I was able to speak to the other MS-WTFNs this morning, and as this is a shared concern amongst the 4, we would like to take you up on your offer to include a summary of the status of our concern regarding the DWI and offsets in CNSC staff's presentation to the Commission. This would be great to ensure the concern is clearly captured in the hearing record and in future versions of the issues tracking.

I can work with our aquatic staff this afternoon to provide some text that you can review and include in your presentation. Please let me know if there are any hard cutoffs or other considerations (i.e., format, length, etc.).

Thank you!
Sam

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Subject: Follow Up: DWI & Offsets Concerns

Hi Finn and Sam,

Thank you both for taking the time to chat with us today about Pickering.

I've touched base internally regarding the possibility of submitting additional documents to the Commission. Given the limited time remaining before the hearing, we were thinking the best path forward to ensure this concern is reflected on the hearing record, would be for CNSC staff to include a summary of the status of MSIFN's concern regarding the DWI and offsets in our presentation to the Commission. I understand that you also mentioned this issue would be raised through your intervention as well, which would further ensure it is captured in the hearing record. Together, this would help ensure the concern is clearly communicated and captured on the record.

I wanted to check in and see whether this approach would be agreeable from your perspective?

Thank you again, and I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Best regards,

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Appendix B: Supplemental Correspondence

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Sent: 2026-10-01 4:22:26 PM

Hi Kate! Hope all is well. As indicated in the email chain below, please find a more fulsome response to the letter you sent on September 15, 2026 letter regarding the draft Rights Impact Assessments (RIAs) prepared in support of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Waste Management Facility (PWMF) licensing review. We appreciate the time and effort invested in reviewing the RIAs and providing detailed feedback on behalf of the Michi Saagiig Williams Treaties First Nations.

CNSC's Responses to Comments and Feedback Provided on the RIAs:

While the draft RIAs were provided to the Michi Saagiig First Nations for review on August 19, 2026, CNSC consultation regarding the RIAs has been ongoing since the beginning of the regulatory review and consultation process. Throughout the development of the RIAs, CNSC sought feedback from the Nations on the proposed approach to the assessments, as well as information regarding potential impacts to Indigenous and Treaty rights. CNSC staff's drafting of the RIAs was informed by input from the Michi Saagiig First Nations, shared with CNSC staff through meetings, letters and input into the Issues and Concerns Tracking Tables, pertaining to potential impacts to rights as a result of OPG's Pickering licence application. In recognition of the many competing priorities associated with the PNGS and PWMF licensing review and Part 1 of the Commission hearing, as discussed in regular meetings drafting of the RIAs took place following Part 1 of the hearing process so attention could be focused on completing other planned consultation activities to help manage priorities and workload demands.

CNSC staff have provided a preliminary response to the concerns outlined in your letter and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Michi Saagiig Williams Treaties First Nations as soon as possible to discuss the RIAs and your recommendations in greater detail. CNSC staff would welcome a dedicated meeting focused on the Pickering RIAs initially and would also be pleased to continue these discussions through existing engagement forums, including monthly meetings and the Michi Saagiig Joint Forum for further follow-up, as appropriate.

Similarities in RIA Content

We acknowledge the concern that each First Nation received a separate RIA, yet the assessments contain substantially similar analysis despite being presented as Nation-specific documents. The RIAs were prepared using a common analytical framework because they assess the potential impacts of the same licensing decision and address many of the same issues raised by participating Nations throughout the regulatory review process. As a result, portions of the methodology, analysis, and discussion of potential impacts are similar across assessments.

Many of the discussions and concerns raised during engagement were consistent across participating Nations. CNSC staff frequently heard similar interests, questions, and potential impact pathways from multiple Nations, and in some cases Nations collaborated in submitting correspondence or articulating shared positions. As a result, certain elements of the analysis address common issues that were raised collectively while still considering Nation-specific information and perspectives where provided. Many of the discussions and concerns raised during engagement were consistent across the Michi Saagiig Williams Treaty First Nations.

CNSC staff recognize that each Nation holds unique rights, relationships to the land and waters, cultural practices, interests, knowledge systems, and perspectives regarding the Project. Throughout the licensing review, CNSC staff worked with the Michi Saagiig Williams Treaties First Nations to improve consultation pathways and better understand Nation-specific concerns. We acknowledge that the RIAs may not have fully met expectations that these distinct perspectives and concerns would be more clearly reflected throughout the assessments. A key aspect of this differentiation was intended to be informed through feedback from the Nations on the RIAs. This approach also reflects ongoing discussions between CNSC staff and the Nations regarding opportunities to strengthen consultation processes, consultation frameworks, and RIA methodologies to better reflect Nation-specific perspectives and priorities.

Timing of the RIAs

We acknowledge your concerns regarding the timing of the draft RIAs. CNSC staff recognize that RIAs are most effective when developed through an iterative process that allows sufficient opportunity for dialogue and refinement. To support meaningful participation, CNSC extended the review period to the maximum extent possible prior to the deadline for submitting its supplemental report to the Commission for Part 2 of the hearing.

While the RIAs were shared in advance of Part 2 of the hearing to allow for review and feedback, CNSC staff acknowledge the importance of continuing to improve the process and how we collaborate on RIAs in relation to future licence applications and Projects.

Methodology and Evidentiary Basis

The RIAs were informed by information collected throughout the consultation and regulatory review process, including information provided directly by each Nation, information filed on the public record, CNSC consultation activities, and technical assessments completed during the licensing review. CNSC staff acknowledge the request

for greater transparency regarding assessment methodologies and will consider how additional information may be incorporated into future rights impact assessment processes.

Representation of Nation-Specific Perspectives

CNSC staff recognize that Indigenous Nations are best positioned to describe their own rights, interests, and perspectives. The RIAs were intended to reflect CNSC staff's assessment of potential impacts based on information available during the review process and were not intended to replace Nation-led assessments or characterize Nation positions as agreement with CNSC conclusions. CNSC staff acknowledge the importance of ensuring Nation-specific perspectives are clearly distinguished and accurately reflected. CNSC staff are committed to continuing to support and collaborate with the Nations on Nation-led assessments and submissions to the Commission where there is interest in future regulatory processes.

Assessment of Rights and Asserted Aboriginal Title

The RIAs sought to evaluate potential impacts on asserted and established Indigenous and Treaty rights based on information available during the review process. CNSC staff acknowledge the concerns raised regarding the assessment of asserted Aboriginal title to Lake Ontario, cumulative effects, and impacts on the transmission of knowledge. These considerations will continue to inform CNSC staff's understanding of potential project-related impacts and ongoing consultation discussions with Nations. CNSC staff are also interested in learning more from the Nations with respect to if there are any additional mitigation measures or accommodations that may be required to address the impacts and concerns the Nations have identified in relation to the Pickering licence application?

UNDRIP and Free, Prior and informed Consent (FPIC)

CNSC staff recognize the importance of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the principles that inform Crown consultation and engagement activities. Throughout the consultation and engagement process CNSC staff have sought to understand and collaborate with the Nations on their Free, Prior and Informed Consent process and position with respect to the Pickering licence application. CNSC staff are committed to continuing discussions with the Nations regarding how these principles can be more effectively reflected within CNSC processes. CNSC staff also acknowledge that seeking free, prior and informed consent is an ongoing process and that participation in consultation activities must not be interpreted as agreement with the Project, acceptance of the RIAs, or confirmation that consultation obligations have been fulfilled.

Accommodations

CNSC staff take note of the feedback and have included a table in staff's supplemental CMD to address how the accommodations and mitigations addressed proposed impacts.

Given the nature of the input, CNSC is unable to undertake the comprehensive revisions requested before Part 2 of the hearing. However, consistent with your request, your letter will be included as part of CNSC's supplemental submission to the Commission so that your perspectives and concerns are reflected on the hearing record. CNSC staff have also revised staff submissions to ensure your concerns are reflected in staff submissions to the Commission.

CNSC remains committed to continuing to work collaboratively with the Nations to improve how RIAs are developed, reviewed, and used within CNSC processes moving forward. We would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your recommendations in greater detail and to better understand whether there are specific outstanding impacts associated with the PNGS project, or any gaps related to project-specific mitigation measures, commitments, or accommodations that you believe require further consideration.

Sincerely,

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September 18, 2026

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Dear Ms. McCavitt:

Re: Draft Licence Conditions Specific to SON – OPG's Application for Renewal of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Power Reactor Operating Licence and Pickering Waste Facility Operating Licence ("Renewal Application")

I write on behalf of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation ("SON") in response to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ("CNSC") staff's email of September 16, 2026, enclosing CNSC staff's current draft language of the proposed licence conditions specific to SON in connection with the above-noted Renewal Application.

SON is not in a position to provide substantive revisions to the proposed licence conditions by today as requested. SON has not been afforded sufficient time to consider the proposed language. This concern is compounded by the significant gap between SON's requested accommodations and the conditions currently proposed. I must discuss this matter with SON leadership before providing detailed comments and proposed revisions. The earliest opportunity for those discussions will be next week.

A preliminary, high-level review of the proposed conditions reveals that the proposed conditions are extremely broad and do not appear to place any meaningful constraints on Ontario Power Generation's ("OPG") continued importation of waste to SON Territory from the ongoing operation of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station ("NGS") that would be enabled by this licence renewal. As currently drafted, the conditions largely require OPG to demonstrate efforts to engage with SON and share information regarding waste management activities and planning.

SON's intervention, however, sought measures that would substantively address its concerns regarding the continued importation, management, and storage of waste at the Western Waste Management Facility ("WWMF") located in SON Territory. SON was clear that the CNSC must direct OPG that it cannot continue to rely on the WWMF for waste generated at the Pickering NGS unless SON provides its free, prior and informed consent.

The proposed conditions do not provide any assurances or limitations in this regard. As a result, it is not presently clear how the proposed conditions would address the concerns raised by SON before the Commission or how they would ensure that Crown's obligations to SON, including those recognized under the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, are discharged.

In these circumstances, SON does not consider the current draft conditions to be jointly developed conditions or to reflect or address SON's concerns, and they should not be characterized to the Commission as such. I will review the draft further with SON leadership and anticipate providing proposed revisions and additional comments in the coming week. In this regard, I acknowledge CNSC staff's stated willingness to continue working with SON on these issues beyond the submission of this initial draft to the Commission today and in the context of the WWMF licence renewal process.

SON looks forward to your continued engagement on this matter.

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October 1, 2026

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Re: Draft Licence Conditions Specific to SON – OPG's Application for Renewal of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Power Reactor Operating Licence and Pickering Waste Facility Operating Licence ("Renewal Application")

Dear Ms. McCavitt,

I write on behalf of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation ("SON") to follow up on my letter dated September 18, 2026, regarding the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ("CNSC") staff's draft licence conditions specific to SON in connection with the above-noted Renewal Application.

SON again thanks CNSC staff for sharing the draft Compliance Verification Criteria for Licence Condition G.7 and for CNSC staff's continued willingness to work with SON. However, as noted in my earlier letter, the draft does not address the accommodations SON requested in its written submissions of August 12, 2026.

Each SON-specific commitment in the draft requires Ontario Power Generation ("OPG") only to "demonstrate efforts" to engage, or share information, with SON. None of the commitments requires a specific outcome that can be verified. More importantly, nothing in the draft limits OPG's continued use of SON Territory to store waste from the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station ("NGS"). That use is the core of SON's concern. As drafted, the conditions would allow OPG to keep relying on the Western Waste Management Facility ("WWMF") for decades of new waste from Pickering, without SON's free, prior and informed consent ("FPIC") and with no binding limit.

1. The Commission Has the Mandate to Limit Where Pickering Waste Is Stored

CNSC staff have said that the CNSC cannot tell OPG how to manage its waste because doing so falls outside the CNSC's mandate. SON respectfully disagrees.

The Commission is an agent of the Crown and a court of record, with the power to determine questions of fact and law (*Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, s. 20(1)). Where the Commission's licensing decision may affect SON's rights, the Crown's constitutional obligations to SON must be met through that decision.

The Commission already limits how OPG manages its waste. It sets conditions on waste management in the interest of health, safety and the environment. Waste management is therefore not left to OPG's business discretion alone. A condition that OPG may not store Pickering waste in SON Territory without SON's FPIC is the same kind of limit. It is imposed for a different reason, which is to meet the Crown's constitutional obligations and Canada's commitments under the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* ("UNDRIP") and the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

Article 29(2) of UNDRIP provides:

States shall take effective measures to ensure that no storage or disposal of hazardous materials shall take place in the lands or territories of indigenous peoples without their free, prior and informed consent.

Canada has recognized that the rights in UNDRIP are minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of Indigenous peoples, and the Federal Court reaffirmed that purpose in *Kebaowek First Nation v Canadian Nuclear Laboratories*, 2025 FC 319. A licence condition that requires SON's consent before Pickering waste is stored in SON Territory is the kind of "effective measure" Article 29(2) requires.

This condition would also not tell OPG how to manage its waste. It sets an outcome and leaves the means to OPG. OPG has several options. It can manage waste on site, as its plans for the Pickering Component Storage Structure ("PCSS") show it is able to do. It can store waste off site at another licensed facility outside SON Territory. Or it can reach an agreement with SON.

These points apply equally to CNSC staff. CNSC staff consult with SON for the Commission. They have told SON whether, in their view, the duty to consult arises. They are now preparing the licence condition language that will go to the Commission. The Commission relies on this work when it decides whether the Crown's obligations to SON have been met. CNSC staff's role is therefore not limited to the Commission's safety mandate. It also includes helping the Commission meet its constitutional obligations, and that means recommending conditions that are capable of meeting them. If CNSC staff recommend only engagement and information-sharing conditions, the Commission will not have before it the language it needs to accommodate SON's rights. SON asks CNSC staff to bring forward conditions that respond to the accommodations SON has requested.

2. The WWMF Renewal Is Not a Substitute

Deferring these issues to the WWMF licence renewal is not an adequate answer. The waste in question comes from activities this licence authorizes. This renewal will extend operations at the Pickering NGS for decades and create new waste streams that were not anticipated when the WWMF was licensed.

SON has raised these concerns before, and the Commission has declined to address them as outside the scope of proceedings for the facilities that generate the waste. CNSC staff have now told SON that, in their view, the WWMF renewal does not give rise to a duty to consult. If each

proceeding defers to the other, no forum is left to address the continued, open-ended build-up of waste in SON Territory. That result is inconsistent with the honour of the Crown. This renewal is the right place, and the right time, to impose the necessary conditions.

3. SON's Proposed Revisions

SON's proposed revisions to the SON-specific commitments are enclosed. They reflect the accommodations in SON's written submissions. SON recognizes that OPG cannot stop transporting all Pickering waste to SON Territory immediately. The proposed language therefore allows for an orderly transition. It does not, however, leave continued importation open-ended or subject only to OPG's operational discretion.

SON looks forward to continuing to engage with CNSC staff on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Bob Nickel

SON Response to CNSC Staff Draft Language

Specific to the SON, and in addition to the commitments above, the licensee shall:

1. Demonstrate efforts to engage with the SON to share operational updates, safety data, and environmental monitoring results in relation to waste management at the Pickering site. This includes the volumes and categories of all waste generated at the Pickering site that is transported to the WWMF.
2. Provide the SON information pertaining to radioactive component waste and material from the refurbishment of Pickering NGS Units 5 to 8 and Units 1 to 4 decommissioning activities that will be stored at the PCSS. The licensee shall not transport such waste to SON Territory except with SON's FPIC.
3. Within [twelve] months of the licence coming into effect, develop a Pickering NGS waste management plan in collaboration with the SON and submit it to CNSC staff. The plan shall:
 - (a) identify each waste stream generated by ongoing operations, refurbishment, and decommissioning at the Pickering site;
 - (b) state explicitly each case in which the licensee, with SON's FPIC, intends to continue using the WWMF to store or process (including incinerate) waste generated at the Pickering site; and
 - (c) for wastes for which SON's FPIC has not been obtained, set out on-site or other waste management arrangements that do not involve transporting, managing, or storing waste in SON Territory and a schedule for implementing such arrangements.
4. Report annually to CNSC staff and the SON on its compliance with items 1 to 3, including its progress in carrying out the waste management plan.

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Subject: RE: SON Proposed Revisions to Pickering Licence Conditions

Hi Bob,

I'm responding on behalf of Keely, as she is out of the office today. Thank you for sharing both this letter and your previous letter of September 18, 2026. I appreciate your patience as CNSC prepared a response to the initial letter, but we will need some extra time to review and disposition the new changes suggested by SON to the language with respect to the compliance verification criteria for Licence Condition G.7. We would welcome the opportunity to continue these discussions to ensure we fully understand SON's concerns and to explore ways to address them throughout the remainder of the regulatory review process and, should the Commission approve OPG's application, during the licensing period. I would also like to highlight, as mentioned, that the Licence Condition Handbook does not need to be finalized before the Commission hearing, and that CNSC staff are committed to continuing to collaborate with SON on this.

Recognizing that the hearing is next week, may I suggest that we find time to meet during the week of October 12 or October 19 to discuss next steps? Please let me know if this works for you and I will set up a time to meet whenever you are available.

Best wishes,

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Subject: SON Proposed Revisions to Pickering Licence Conditions

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hi Keely,

Please find attached SON's follow-up letter regarding the draft licence conditions specific to SON for OPG's Pickering licence renewal applications, along with SON's proposed revisions to the draft conditions.

The letter follows up on our September 18 correspondence and sets out SON's concerns with the current draft language, including the need for conditions that address the continued transport and management of Pickering waste in SON Territory.

We appreciate CNSC staff's continued engagement on this matter and look forward to discussing the proposed revisions with you.

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Bob

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MSIFN and CNSC March Monthly Meeting

June 3, 2025

(Virtual, MS Teams)

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN Attendees
Emily Janzen, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Erin Cotnam-Bent (ICED)	Sam Shrubsole, Minogi Corp

Agenda

- CNSC Updates
- MSIFN Updates

Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
CNSC & MSIFN Updates	Chalk River IEMP Sampling Plan CNSC asked staff if MSIFN will be able to review the Chalk River IEMP sampling plan by June 6th. MSIFN confirmed they should be able to review the IEMP by June 6th, but noted that if for some reason they can't, the CNSC can move ahead with the plan as it currently is. MSIFN shared they are currently hiring 3 liaison officers to support environmental work. They are also looking at hiring more support for the energy projects. CNSC staff confirmed that it will provide funding towards MSIFN's Powwow. CNSC staff inquired as to what would be best day or time for staff to attend. MSIFN shared that the opening day- usually at noon on the Saturday- would be best to attend. MSIFN shared that the MSIFN website has good information outlining Powwow etiquette. MSIFN noted that CNSC staff attending should just attend in a personal way and that there is typically not a business presence at the Powwow. Policy Dialogue- Listening Tours CNSC staff noted the Listening Tour is confirmed for the afternoon of July 22nd. CNSC shared that CLFN suggested keeping Wednesday July 23rd booked to have conversations with the Michi Saagiig Nations for a potential consultation framework discussion. CNSC staff noted that a consultation framework between the Nations and CNSC was something requested in the Nation's intervention submitted for the Darlington Licence Renewal Application. MSIFN noted CNSC and CLFN should continue the conversations around this potential meeting on July 23 and to keep them posted on the outcome. Pickering Detailed Decommissioning Plan CNSC staff also wanted to check-in on the Pickering detailed decommissioning plan and comments submitted by the Nations. CNSC staff inquired as to whether MSIFN discussed with other Michi Saagiig Nations whether they would like to have a meeting to walk through the comments submitted by the Nations. to discuss the comments. CNSC staff asked whether a meeting of this nature is this still of interest.

Topic	Discussion
	MSIFN confirmed, yes, it is still of interest, but that the Nations are still discussing internally. MSIFN asked if CNSC staff want to be kept in the loop on comments being provided to OPG. CNSC staff confirmed yes and asked that Marina Martin with the CNSC Indigenous Consultation and Engagement team also be kept in the loop on this, as she is the lead for the Pickering projects. Darlington Hearing CNSC staff appreciated the comments received so far on the Darlington relicensing hearing PowerPoint slides. CNSC staff noted that they had shared the most recent version of the Licence Condition (LC) G.7 wording with the Nations last week and noted that they need to submit the draft Licence Condition Handbook by June 9. CNSC staff noted that they would do their best to incorporate comments on the LC before that date, but that they are committed to continuing to refine the language of the LC after that date. CNSC staff noted that the LC is shared with the Commission for consideration- the Commission approves the licence, but the Compliance Verification Criteria itself is managed by CNSC staff. As such, we can continue to refine the language. MSIFN requested clarification regarding the process for the 10-year reviews, as proposed by OPG, and asked what the format of the meeting would look like and whether it would be similar to a Commission hearing. CNSC staff noted that the way the 10-year review is proposed references providing public and Indigenous Nations and communities a chance to be heard in front of the Commission. MSIFN asked if <i>the Commission agrees with the recommendation for mid-term reviews, where would that "requirement" go?</i> CNSC staff committed to finding an answer to the question and circling back to MSIFN. MSIFN asked if there is a decision point as part of typical mid-term reviews or if it is just to share feedback with the Commission. CNSC staff noted that, typically, mid-term reviews are not a full licence renewal hearing and that there is not a decision attached to it. CNSC staff noted that it would be similar to the approach taken for the annual Regulatory Oversight Reports. <u>ACTION- CNSC staff will confirm two questions:</u> • If the Commission agrees with the recommendation for mid-term reviews, where would that "requirement" go? • For typical mid-term reviews, is there a decision point?

Topic	Discussion
Next Steps and Closing	CNSC staff noted the next monthly meeting is currently scheduled to take place during the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station relicensing hearing. CNSC will reschedule for the week of July 7-10. MSIFN will share availability. CNSC and MSIFN agreed to cancel July 23 monthly meeting.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	CNSC staff will confirm two questions: • If the Commission agrees with the recommendation for mid-term reviews, where would that "requirement" go? • For typical mid-term reviews, is there a decision point? (Completed, response sent June 3)
CNSC	Cancel July 23 rd Monthly Meeting with CNSC/MSIFN (Completed)
CNSC	Reschedule June 23 rd Monthly Meeting to week of July 7-10 (Completed)

MSIFN and CNSC July Monthly Meeting

July 8, 2025
(Virtual, MS Teams)

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN Attendees
Emily Janzen, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Erin Cotnam-Bent (ICED) Marina Martin (ICED)	Sam Shrubsole, Minogi Corp Don Richardson, Minogi Corp Finn Komai, Minogi Corp

Agenda

- Overview of OPG's application to renew the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (NGS) Power Reactor Operating Licence (PROL) – Marina Martin
- Discussion on preferred approach to engagement and consultation on major project applications, including the PNGS PROL renewal. Some questions for consideration:
 - How would MSIFN like to plan consultation for this and other projects?
 - Should meetings be collective with the four Michi Saagiig Nations, or would a different approach be preferred?
 - Are there specific activities MSIFN would like to see included for consultation on this project or others?
 - Does MSIFN have a FPIC process they would like us to follow?
- Darlington Licence Condition G.7 – Quick check-in on its status and next steps

Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
Overview of OPG's application to renew the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (NGS) Power Reactor Operating Licence (PROL)	CNSC staff provided an overview of Pickering NGS PROL renewal application. Overview: - CNSC staff asked MSIFN if they had received the notification letter on July 4th informing them of OPG's renewal application. - MSIFN confirmed they had. - CNSC staff shared they will be taking an UNDRIP-informed approach to consultation and engagement and will be working with MSIFN individually and the collective Michi Saagiig Nations on the Duty to Consult process. MSIFN shared they have briefly reviewed OPG's application. They are seeking more information and clarity around why OPG is applying for a licence which combines the PROL renewal along with operating a waste facility onsite. MSIFN would like clarity from the CNSC for the rationale on why OPG can apply for two licenses together. MSIFN raised that NRCAN has a policy on nuclear waste and decommissioning (Canada's Policy for Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning) which includes clear focus on UNDRIP. MSIFN shared they do not see any indication of this policy being applied by OPG. CNSC staff noted that proponents are able to apply for combined licenses in some instances so long as health, human safety and compliances are met. <u>Action- CNSC to provide more information on why proponents can apply for a combined licence.</u> <u>Action- CNSC to provide information on how CNSC is implementing NRCAN's Canada's Policy for Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning</u> CNSC asked whether OPG has been engaging with MSIFN or the Michi Saagiig Nations on the development of the application. MSIFN responded that there was no engagement on the drafting of the application- they were provided the application on July 3rd when it was completed.

Topic	Discussion
	MSIFN shared that because waste is now being scoped in as part of an amendment there is concern that the Nations will not have the opportunity to speak to it. CNSC staff clarified that the inclusion of the waste facility in the scope of the licence amendment means it will be subject to the CNSC's licensing process for the Pickering facility. As part of this process, OPG and the CNSC are responsible for engaging and consulting with Indigenous Nations and communities, including MSIFN. This ensures that there will be opportunities for MSIFN to provide input on the waste-related aspects of the license. CNSC asked MSIFN if, for this application, they prefer to meet with the CNSC collectively with the other Michi Saagiig Nations to consider impacts to rights and FPIC positions or meet separately. MSIFN noted that they would like to move forward as a collective. CNSC staff are meeting with the other Michi Saagiig Nations similarly to today's meeting and will set up a collective meeting with all four Nations to discuss the application, potential impact to rights, and commission proceeding. <u>Action: CNSC will set up a collective meeting to discuss the application with the Michi Saagiig Nations. Participant Funding for the application is being finalized and staff will share that information once available.</u> MSIFN asked whether the hearing for OPG's Pickering application will be a one- or two-part hearing. CNSC staff committed to confirming these details and responding to MSIFN. <u>Action: Confirm if the hearing for OPG's Pickering NGS PROL renewal application will be a one- or two-part hearing and share those details with MSIFN.</u> MSIFN noted that, for this application, they will be considering the new water intake system and how it is characterized in the application. Specifically, if rights will be impacted from the water intake system as the Chiefs consider the lakebed to be unceded territory. MSIFN raised whether the scope of the application includes a Pickering decommissioning license.

Topic	Discussion
	CNSC staff specified that OPG has not applied for a licence to decommission, but that they have requested approval for certain early storage with surveillance activities, which may include dismantling non-nuclear components or buildings. MSIFN shared they heard OPG has received CNSC approval on an initial volume of OPG's Detailed Decommissioning Plan for the Pickering NGS. MSIFN noted that they had provided comments to OPG regarding these plans but have not received any response. MSIFN raised concern as to how the Commission could approve this step without OPG dispositioning and addressing comments from Nations. <u>Action: CNSC staff will follow-up with MSIFN on the status of the DDP, as well as with OPG on MSIFN's comments to OPG on the with the DDP.</u>
Darlington Licence Condition G.7 – Quick check-in on its status and next steps	CNSC staff shared the status of the Darlington Licence Condition (LC) G.7's compliance verification criteria (CVC). Staff noted there is no set timeline to submit comments but that staff are aiming to finalize the language following the release of the Commission's Record of Decision (anticipate within the next 2-3 months). MSIFN shared they reviewed the most recent version CNSC staff shared, and feel it is reflective of the earlier draft. MSIFN did compare the Darlington CVC with the DNNP CVC- preamble and noted the DNNP preamble contained wording regarding the Duty to Consult. MSIFN suggested the same wording from the DNNP preamble could be included in the Darlington PROL LC G.7 CVC too. MSIFN pasted the particular DNNP Preamble text they were referring to in the Teams chat: <i>"As per Section 8(2) of the Nuclear Safety and Control Act, the Commission is an agent of the Crown. As such, the Commission has the obligation to fulfil the Duty to Consult and, where appropriate, accommodate, Indigenous peoples when the Crown contemplates conduct that might adversely impact potential or established Indigenous and/or treaty rights. In meeting its obligations towards Indigenous Nations and communities, the Commission may rely on Consultation undertaken by CNSC staff as well as the opportunities for Indigenous Nations and communities to make submissions directly to the Commission and to participate in the hearing process. To assist the Commission in meeting its duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate, the Commission may also rely on the engagement work of licensees. This includes consideration of measures to avoid or mitigate potential adverse impacts or other measures adopted or proposed by licensees for potential accommodation purposes. "</i>

Topic	Discussion
	CNSC staff will take this back to consider if it could be added to the LC G.7 preamble. MSIFN noted that this wording may be helpful if the proponent requests future amendments to the licence that could trigger the Duty to Consult. MSIFN also noted that the wording could be developed in a way that acknowledges there may be changes to policies, case law, or legislation and that engagement practices should be updated to reflect current standards. <u>Action: CNSC staff will take MSIFN's comments on the LC G.7 preamble into consideration and provide a response and/or updated text for review.</u> MSIFN shared an appreciation for the significant changes to the hearing processes. There were moments in the hearing that felt like we were having a genuine dialogue with participants and Commissioners.
Discussion on preferred approach to engagement and consultation on major project applications	<u>REGDOC-3.2.2.</u> MSIFN asked if there are any updates on REGDOC 3.2.2 and the public comment period. CNSC responded that the public comment period for the REGDOC is expected to open in the fall. <u>Action- CNSC will confirm the timelines for REGDOC 3.2.2 public comment.</u> <u>Consultation Framework</u> CNSC noted that they are proposing that a separate meeting be scheduled, following the Listening Tour discussion on July 22, to discuss the development of a Consultation Framework between CNSC and the Michi Saagiig Nations. CNSC staff shared areas they are looking for comments on from the Nations including: the approach for the meeting and the type of activities Nations would like to see when the CNSC completes its engagement and consultation on major project applications. MSIFN noted this conversation will be good to conduct following the Listening Tour. MSIFN wants to learn more about how the CNSC works internally on consultation; how new applications will incorporate UNDRIP and FPIC; and how UNDRIP and FPIC fits into the CNSC's policies and regulations. <u>July 22 Listening Tour Discussion</u> MSIFN confirmed which members of the team will be attending.

Topic	Discussion
	CNSC staff shared they are providing support to Alderville First Nation to complete a funding application for hosting the meeting. CNSC shared that both Hiawatha and Curve Lake are using funds from their existing Terms of References to support participation in the meeting, MSIFN may be able to consider this as well. MSIFN shared they will look into doing this as well. Next Monthly Meeting Next Meeting August 27th.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	CNSC to provide more information on why proponents can apply for a combined licence.
CNSC	CNSC to provide information on how CNSC is implementing NRCan's Canada's Policy for Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning
CNSC	CNSC will set up a collective meeting to discuss the application with the Michi Saagiig Nations. Participant Funding for the application is being finalized and staff will share that information once available. (Completed)
CNSC	Confirm if the hearing for OPG's Pickering NGS PROL renewal application will be a one- or two-part hearing and share those details with MSIFN. (Completed)
CNSC	CNSC staff will follow-up with MSIFN on the status of the DDP, as well as with OPG on MSIFN's comments to OPG on the with the DDP
CNSC	CNSC staff will take MSIFN's comments on the LC G.7 preamble into consideration and provide a response and/or updated text for review.
CNSC	CNSC will confirm the timelines for REGDOC 3.2.2 public comment.

Curve Lake First Nation and CNSC staff monthly meeting

July 17, 2025

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	Curve Lake Attendees
Laura DeCoste, ICED Erin Cotnam-Bent, ICED Marina Martin, ICED Jerry Kallada, Funding Programs Adam Zenobi, Funding Programs Arielle Jean, Funding Programs	Paige Williams Lily Boggs Francis Chua

Agenda:

- Welcome and introductions
- Discussion on Curve Lake's TOR/ Workplan application and request for funding for external legal counsel support
- Notice of OPG's application for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Pickering Waste Management Facility - request for renewal and refurbishment
- Debrief from the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station renewal hearing
- Updates from Curve Lake and CNSC
- Closing and confirmation of next meeting (August 21)

Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
Welcome and Introductions	Round table introductions.
Discussion on Curve Lake's TOR/ Workplan application and request for funding for external legal counsel support	CNSC staff discussed the status of the current Stream 3 funding process and shared follow-up questions from the review committee regarding the funding for 2 staff members. Curve Lake shared details of the duties and scope of work of the staff members and designated funding included in their application. CNSC staff also asked for clarity and additional detail about the funding for external legal counsel to review the DNGS Licence Handbook. Curve Lake shared that the amount is for review of the documents to date for the DNGS PROL- including the Licence Condition Handbook and CVC language). All 4 Michi Saagiig Nations are working collectively with the legal team for the review. <u>Action: Curve Lake will send an email to CNSC staff providing more detail regarding the funding for legal counsel and the costs associated for total review on behalf of the 4 Michi Saagiig Nations. Curve Lake will confirm with the other Michi Saagiig Nations if they prefer to submit costs for their portion of the legal fees separately or if Curve Lake can submit an application to cover the entire costs. CNSC staff will review the email and details and confirm the best funding option to handle the costs.</u> Curve Lake asked if the ROR funding application is one application to cover all 5 reports. CNSC staff confirmed yes, the funding is consolidated into one application to cover work on all 5 RORs. Curve Lake asked what total amount of funding is available. CNSC staff confirmed the total amount available is \$300,000 to be divided among all applicants and that the Commission meeting would take place at the end of March.
Notice of OPG's application for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station - request for renewal and refurbishment	CNSC staff asked if Curve Lake received the notification email that the CNSC sent on July 4th. Curve Lake confirmed they received it but have been more focused on other projects like the DNNP, DNGS, and Wesleyville. CNSC provided an overview of OPG's Pickering application including that there are 5 key aspects:

	1. PROL 10-year renewal; 2. request to consolidate the power reactor operating license with the waste facility operating license for the Pickering Waste Management Facility; 3. authorization for the activities required to refurbish units 5-8 a. Proposed refurbishment activities would include work on a deep water intake- (Lake bed/water intake); 4. dismantling or decommissioning components that are considered non-nuclear , also known as storage with surveillance; 5. Various other administrative changes. Curve Lake confirmed they participated in the lakebed intake engagement with OPG. CNSC staff shared that they are currently working on the technical review of the application and seeking additional information from OPG where required. CNSC staff highlighted that they want to work with Curve Lake to understand how they would like to approach consultation on this application, including how to assess potential impacts on rights. This includes seeking feedback from Curve Lake's about their process and position on their Free, Prior and Informed Consent and supporting communicating this information to the Commission, to consider in their decision making. Curve Lake raised they would prefer if CNSC engaged with them independent of the other Michi Saagiig Nations for now. Curve Lake appreciates learning high-level information about the application and considerations. Curve Lake noted that the meetings with OPG are very technical. CNSC raised whether Curve Lake has shared with OPG that the meetings on this project are too detailed and technical. Curve Lake noted they have raised this with OPG before; however, the meetings have remained very technical. <u>Action: CNSC will move the next meeting to August 19th and will discuss further details of the Pickering application.</u>
Updates from Curve Lake and CNSC	Wesleyville draft Initial Project Description (IPD) Curve Lake asked CNSC to confirm what version of the Wesleyville draft IPD they received to determine if it is the current version. <u>Action: CNSC- will check what version of the Wesleyville draft IPD was received.</u>

	Curve Lake IEMP CNSC staff confirmed the CNL IEMP has been confirmed for the week of October 20th. CNSC staff asked if it would work for the Michi Saagiig Nations to participate collectively on October 24th. Curve Lake noted it should work but will confirm. <u>Action: Curve Lake will confirm if October 24th will work to participate in the CNL IEMP.</u> Connect with an Indigenous Community in Northern Alberta/ Saskatchewan CNSC staff asked if it would be okay to share their contact details with some Indigenous community in Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan who would like to learn more about the nuclear industry. Curve Lake confirmed yes, CNSC staff can share their contact details.
Closing and confirmation of next meeting (August 21)	CNSC staff will change the next meeting to August 19 th .

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
Curve Lake	Curve Lake will send an email to CNSC staff providing more detail regarding the funding for legal council and the costs associated for total review on behalf of the 4 Michi Saagiig Nations. Curve Lake will confirm with the other Michi Saagiig Nations if they prefer to submit costs for their portion of the legal fees separately or if Curve Lake can submit an application to cover the entire costs. CNSC staff will review the email and details and confirm the best funding option to handle the costs. COMPLETED
CNSC	CNSC will move the next meeting to August 19 th and will discuss further details of the Pickering application. (Complete, meeting date moved)
CNSC	CNSC- will check what version of the Wesleyville IPD was received. (complete)
Curve Lake	Curve Lake will confirm if October 24 th will work to participate in the CNL IEMP. (Complete- CLFN was not able to attend)

Hiawatha First Nation and CNSC staff monthly meeting

July 17, 2025

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	Hiawatha Attendees
Laura DeCoste Erin Cotnam-Bent Marina Martin Adam Zenobi	Mike Howard Sean Davison Francis Chua Kayla Wright

Agenda:

- Welcome and introductions
- Notice of OPG's application for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Pickering Waste Management Facility - request for renewal and refurbishment
- Debrief from the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station renewal hearing
- Updates from HFN and CNSC
- Closing and confirmation of next meeting (August 21)

Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
Welcome and Introductions	HFN shared that Francis Chua and Kayla Wright will support HFN as needed moving forward. CNSC can continue to contact Mike and Sean and they will share information with Francis and Kayla as needed.
Discuss HFN TOR/Workplan funding application	CNSC staff provided an update on the TOR for funding and shared follow-up questions from the funding review committee, regarding the funding for the two staff positions and whether HFN expects to use the stream 1 funding to hire a coordinator. HFN provided additional detail to explain why the work completed with the CNSC goes above and beyond the HFN staffs existing roles. HFN also confirmed they are currently working with HR and expect to hire someone soon, if a qualified candidate applies. CNSC staff asked if HFN would be changing the administrative fee amounts included in the application from 10% to 15% and if so requested an email from HFN to request the change for CNSC's records. HFN confirmed yes and will email CNSC staff with the updated changes. <u>Action: HFN to email CNSC staff with application changes/updates.</u>
Notice of OPG's application for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station - request for renewal and refurbishment	CNSC staff asked if HFN received the notification email that the CNSC sent on July 4th. CNSC staff asked if OPG has been engaging with HFN regarding the Pickering application. HFN shared that they are not as aware of the Pickering application as they have been working on other projects. CNSC staff recognize that the current volume of work and number of requests for HFN are large. CNSC staff provided an overview of OPG's Pickering application including that there are 5 aspects: 1. PROL 10-year renewal; 2. request to consolidate the power reactor operating licence with the waste facility operating licence for the Pickering Waste Management Facility; 3. authorization for the activities required to refurbish units 5-8 a. Proposed refurbishment activities would include work on a deep water intake- (Lake bed/water intake);

	4. dismantling or decommissioning components that are considered non-nuclear, also known as storage with surveillance 5. Various administrative changes. CNSC staff shared that CNSC staff are currently working on the technical review of the application. CNSC staff asked about level of engagement with OPG for Pickering, or how engagement with OPG has been on other licensing projects. HFN noted that OPG holds monthly meetings to discuss all the ongoing projects. There is a lot of information discussed in each meeting. HFN shared they have repeatedly asked OPG to make the conversations not so technical-it would be helpful if OPG provided a broader overview of the projects. CNSC staff asked if they could raise with OPG to consider making communication on projects more accessible and higher level. CNSC staff asked if it would be helpful to bring in the CNSC project officer, once the technical review is completed, to provide further information on the 5 aspects of the application. HFN confirmed that would be helpful. <u>Action- CNSC will move the monthly meeting to Sept 3rd at 11:00 and will include further discussion and details of the Pickering application.</u> HFN noted that some CNSC staff also communicate at a very technical level and asked that the details be provided at a broader level. CNSC staff confirmed they will do that. CNSC staff highlighted that they wanted to work with HFN to understand how they would like to approach consultation on this application, including how to assess potential impacts on rights. CNSC staff also want to learn HFN's process and position on their Free, Prior and Informed consent, and to understand early on HFN priorities for this application. CNSC staff also flagged that the Registry is finalizing the hearing logistics and participant funding. Once more information is available CNSC staff will share that with HFN. <u>Action- CNSC staff will share hearing and participant funding once details are available.</u>
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Debrief from the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station renewal hearing	CNSC staff asked if HFN had any feedback on the DNGS renewal hearing. HFN shared they felt it went well and that the Nations presentations flowed together nicely.
Updates from HFN and CNSC	Chalk River IEMP Sampling CNSC staff confirmed the IEMP sampling has been set for the week of October 20th. CNSC staff asked if HFN is interested in participating collectively with other Michi Saagiig Nations on October 24th. HFN confirmed October 24th works for HFN. <u>Action- CNSC staff can send a calendar invitation and provide more details closer to the sampling day.</u>
Closing and confirmation of next meeting (August 21)	Next meeting date to be moved to September 3 from August 21.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
HFN	HFN to email CNSC staff with application changes/updates
CNSC	CNSC will move the monthly meeting to Sept 3 rd at 11:00 and will include further discussion and details of the Pickering application.(Completed)
CNSC	CNSC staff will share hearing and participant funding once details are available.(Completed)
CNSC	CNSC staff can send a calendar invitation (complete) and provide more details closer to the sampling day.

Curve Lake First Nation and CNSC staff monthly meeting

August 19, 2025

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	Curve Lake Attendees
Laura DeCoste, ICED Erin Cotnam-Bent, ICED Marina Martin, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division Adam Zenobi, Team Lead, Funding Programs	Kayla Wright Lily Boggs Francis Chua

Agenda:

- Welcome and introductions
- Overview of Overview of OPG's Renewal and Refurbishment Application for PNGS and PWMF
- Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Renewal PFP Funding
- Other

Meeting Notes

** These meeting notes are a general record of discussions. Content has been reviewed and compiled with input from individuals who may not have attended the meeting. As such, some information may be incomplete, inaccurate or outdated. **

Topic	Discussion
Welcome and Introductions	Welcome and introductions.
Overview of OPG's Renewal and Refurbishment Application for PNGS.	CNSC staff gave a presentation providing a detailed overview of OPG's Renewal and Refurbishment Application for Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS). <u>Action: CNSC will share today's presentation with Curve Lake.</u> CNSC staff noted that following the last monthly meeting with Curve Lake, CNSC flagged the concerns raised to OPG about the need to make the information they share more accessible, so that it can be communicated to the communities and Chief and Council. CNSC staff explained that the presentation is to provide current and up to date information regarding the regulatory status of OPG's projects. If there is interest in this approach, the CNSC can look at making updates to the presentation and resharing key milestones. Curve Lake noted the overview slide is very helpful and would be helpful to share with the newly elected Chief and Council. CNSC staff also noted there is also a deck that provides an overview of the status of each facility within Williams Treaties Territory and can share if Curve Lake is interested. <u>Action: CNSC staff will share deck with overview of nuclear facilities within Williams Treaty.</u> Pickering Application Detailed Overview: CNSC staff broke down the application into 5 components: 1) 10-year renewal for the Power Reactor Operating License and Waste Facility Operative License 2) Administrative Changes CNSC staff explained the administrative changes identified in the application include the removal of license conditions that are no longer relevant. Curve Lake asked what other items degrade over time.

	CNSC staff explained that pressure tubes get more fragile as they get older. Over time they sag and can risk touching other parts of the reactor Pressure tubes also balloon in diameter and lengthen as they age, which can eventually limit their operability. 3) Refurbish reactor units #5-8 and end operating lifespan CNSC staff shared that the refurbishment activities include a deepwater intake. Construction activities would involve tunneling in the lakebed as part of the construction activities. CNSC asked if OPG has shared details of this construction plan and potential impacts with Curve Lake. Curve Lake shared that discussions with OPG have largely been around the health of the lakebed, dredging activities, and that there will be an increase in traffic in that area. Curve Lake explained some of the information they are aware of came from meetings with OPG but also from Curve Lake going to the Darlington site and seeing the distance from the shoreline to the proposed deep water intake location. Curve Lake highlighted that site visits are beneficial for understanding the project better. Curve Lake noted there has been a lot of discussions on aquatic archeology and sturgeon, but there has only been preliminary discussion on the construction of the Deep-Water Intake. Curve Lake has also had discussions with OPG about climate change vulnerability. CNSC asked if OPG has shared their climate change resiliency assessment. Curve Lake explained they are currently reviewing the assessment and will let CNSC staff know if there are any comments that OPG is not responding to. 4) Storage with Surveillance and Some Non- Nuclear Decommissioning Activities for Units #1-4. CNSC staff explained that Units 2 and 3 are already in this state – already in orage with surveillance. Activities associated with this aspect of the application include monitoring components that will remain in place, pending future decommissioning, and maintaining equipment that will be needed to support units 5-8. It also includes risk reduction activities. Curve Lake asked what risks are involved during the removal process. Are building materials sent to conventional metal recycling? Does it need to be decontaminated or does it to go high level waste?
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	<u>Action- CNSC staff will find out details around the removal and disposal process for dismantled items.</u> Curve Lake asked CNSC staff to explain the difference between safe storage or in lay up or dormant refurbishment. Curve Lake indicated that there are many different terms used and it would be beneficial to understand the differences. CNSC staff noted they would ask the project office to come speak to this at a future meeting. 5) Combine the individual licences for Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and the Pickering Waste Management Facility. CNSC staff noted that this is considered an administrative request. Our regulatory scrutiny isn't decreased at all in this approach and the CNSC has experienced combined licences with other licencees. Curve Lake asked how many combined licenses currently exist. CNSC noted there is one with NB Power for the Point Lepreau Generating Station. <u>Action: CNSC to confirm when Point Lepreau licence became a combined licence.</u> CNSC asked if Curve Lake has any initial concerns with a combined licence. Curve Lake explained there may be some concern or questions as to why this application from OPG includes combining the licences but the recent Darlington renewal application did not. Communities feel that they were not consulted about this decision and this was raised in other interventions. CNSC staff shared that this approach of combining licences is allowed within the CNSC's regulatory framework, however it is up to OPG to explain to Nations why they are including this in the current application. Curve Lake also raised that NRCAN's policy on radioactive waste management and decommissioning includes consent for waste. Combining a reactor and waste licence may create challenges related to this. CNSC staff offered to share a one pager on this that explains how NRCAN's policy interacts with the CNSC's regulatory framework
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	<u>Acton- CNSC to share one-pager explaining how NRCan's waste and decommissioning policy interacts with the CNSC's regulatory framework.</u> CNSC staff highlighted proposed key activities for consultation, including guiding questions to seek feedback from Curve Lake about how they would like to approach consultation, what potential impacts of the project may be and how the CNSC could support Curve Lake with their process for Free, Prior and Informed Consent for this application. Next meeting on September 18th for further discuss the application and understand Curve Lake's formal consultation preference.
DNGS Renewal PFP Application	DNGS Renewal PFP Application CNSC noted that staff sent the DNGS CVC and LCH had been sent out to Nations on July 4th. Curve Lake noted that none of the Michi Saagiig Nations have responded yet, as the legal review has not been completed. Following the hearing, the Michi Saagiig Nations wanted legal review of the Commission's decision. CNSC staff explained that PFP funding is intended to support engagement and participation in the licence renewal hearing. The current application is heavily focused on an internal legal review following the Commission decision which doesn't align with the purpose of the funding program. Curve Lake provided more information about the purpose of the legal review and provided funding options for further consideration by the CNSC. This includes potentially applying the 4 Michi Saagiig Nations' PFP surplus funding towards the legal fees. CNSC staff agreed to share this information with management for consideration, however noted, it is unclear if funding for the PFP will be granted for use towards legal reviews of decisions and that any additional funding for a legal review would still need to be within scope of what the program can support. <u>ROR Funding</u> Curve Lake shared they will be submitting an application for ROR funding for the maximum amount allotted- \$20,000 for all 5 reports. Curve Lake noted that the funding request for the Pickering application will be high. CNSC staff recommend that each Nation incorporate all anticipated costs for their participation in the Pickering licence renewal hearing (consultation activities, hearing participation and hospitality, legal costs etc.) into their applications to avoid having to request additional funding later on in the

	process. CNSC staff offered to review Curve Lake's draft application and provide feedback prior to their submission and provide feedback.
Other Updates	<u>IEMP</u> CNSC staff asked whether Curve Lake is still attending the Chalk River IEMP on October 24th. Curve Lake shared they are no longer able to participate as they are also participating in emergency exercise drills with OPG that week. <u>President's Visit</u> CNSC asked who from Curve Lake will be attending the President's visit on September 29th. Curve Lake will confirm and get back to CNSC staff.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Context	Action Item
CNSC	CNSC committed to sharing the slide deck presentation from the meeting.	CNSC will share today's PNGS presentation with Curve Lake First Nation. Update: Completed
CNSC	CNSC committed to sharing the slide deck presentation from the meeting.	CNSC staff will share deck with overview of nuclear facilities within Williams Treaties territory. Update: Completed
CNSC	Curve Lake First Nation sought info on how many other combined CNSC licensed projects exist.	CNSC can confirm when Point Lepreau licence became a combined licence. Update: Point Lepreau license became combined in 2008.
CNSC	CNSC committed to sharing the one-pager which explains how NRCan's waste and decommissioning policy interacts with the CNSC's regulatory framework.	CNSC to share the one-pager explaining how NRCan's policy interacts with the CNSC's regulatory framework. Update: Completed
Curve Lake First Nation	CNSC asked who from Curve Lake First Nation will attend the CNSC President's visit on September 29 th .	Confirm who from Curve Lake will participate in the forthcoming President's visit on September 29 th

		Update: Attendees to be confirmed at the Sept 17th meeting.
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Hiawatha First Nation and CNSC staff monthly meeting

September 3, 2025

(Virtual, MS Teams)

CNSC Attendees	HFN Attendees
Laura DeCoste, ICED Erin Cotnam-Bent, ICED Marina Martin, ICED Jane MacDonald, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Pickering Regulatory Program Division	Sean Davison Tom Cowie Mike Howard Francis Chua Kayla Wright

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Presentation and consultation discussion on CNSC staff overview of OPG's Renewal and Refurbishment Application for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Pickering Waste Management Facility (presentation attached)
 - a. Discussion on proposed consultation activities and HFN's priorities, interests and concerns related to the application
3. Updates from HFN and CNSC staff
4. Closing and confirmation of next meeting

Meeting Notes

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Topic	Discussion
Welcome and Introductions	
Presentation and discussion on CNSC staff overview of OPG's Renewal and Refurbishment Application for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (presentation attached)	CNSC staff gave a presentation providing a detailed overview of OPG's Renewal and Refurbishment Application for Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS). Pickering Application Detailed Overview: CNSC staff broke down the application requests into 5 components: 1. For a 10-year renewal for their Power Reactor Operating Licence and Waste Facility Operating Licence 2. Administrative Changes CNSC staff explained the administrative changes include the removal of licence conditions which are no longer relevant or outdated. HFN asked why the completed administrative changes are being removed as opposed to just noting they are complete. CNSC explained that the purpose of the licence condition handbook licences are to reflect current licence requirements. Staff noted that licences do the licence condition handbook do reflect historical information. HFN asked if the historical information is contained in the Regulatory Oversight Reports (RORs). CNSC staff explained the RORs include more recent history and not long-term details about a licence. Staff explained that the Commission Member Documents will include a table to identify changes between the current and former licence. <u>Action: CNSC staff will raise the concern that there is no document that captures the long-term changes or historical information about a licence, with those who prepare the RORs.</u> 3. Refurbish reactor units #5-8 and extend their operating lifespan CNSC staff shared that OPG's proposed refurbishment activities include a deepwater intake and associated construction activities.

	HFN noted the presentation would be helpful for briefing leadership. HFN asked where the request to extend commercial operation fits into the OPG application. CNSC staff shared that in 2024, the CNSC's Commission approved OPG's request to extend the operating lifetime to 2026. The current application is for operation after the requested refurbishment. <u>Action: CNSC staff will update the slide deck and add more context to the refurbishment slide regarding the extension of operating lifetime.</u> 4. To do storage with surveillance (SWS) and some non-nuclear decommissioning activities for units #1-4. CNSC staff explained that Units 2 and 3 are already in a state of storage with surveillance. 5. Combine the individual licenses for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and the Pickering Waste Management Facility. CNSC staff shared that OPG currently has one licence for the PNGS and one for waste management facility (PWMF). In the current application, OPG has requested to combine the two licences into one. CNSC staff shared that the NB Power's Point Lepreau Generating Station also has a combined licence. HFN shared they would like to understand the position of CNSC as to why this is being considered an administrative change. HFN will make own position and evaluation on this. HFN commented that NRCan's policy on nuclear waste discusses the need for consent regarding waste in an Indigenous community's territory. HFN noted that NRCan's waste policy requires consent but in this current application it is being considered administrative. CNSC staff noted they will need to have more conversations with Nations on this concern. Staff explained that the activities that fall under combining the licence are considered administrative in nature because it will result in changes to CNSC licencing documentation but not any physical activities or licensee programs and requirements. HFN explained this view is not shared by HFN because Pickering Station was built without the consent of HFN. Consent was not obtained on the building on PNGS. HFN, including Chief Carr, considers this a legacy issue. CNSC asked if HFN has talked with OPG about this as well. HFN shared they have brought it up at different meetings but these discussions have not gone anywhere.
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	CNSC staff shared they will raise this concern with OPG as well. CNSC staff highlighted proposed key activities for consultation, including guiding questions to seek feedback from HFN about how they would like to approach consultation, what potential impacts of the project may be and how the CNSC could support HFN with their process for Free, Prior and Informed Consent for this application. HFN explained the language in the slide deck is concerning. The use of the word "potential" could leave doubt and allows for non-rights holders to comment on HFN rights. HFN explained they share issues not to cause problems, but they are their opinions. The use of the word “potential” comes across as denying the impact on rights, which HFN views as already occurring due to the legacy issues and ongoing operations of the PNGS. CNSC staff shared they appreciate the feedback and can work on revising the language. <u>Action: CNSC will work on revising language around use of ‘potential’ when describing rights and interests impacts; specifically the slide on Questions for Consideration.</u> Next meeting on September 18th to further discuss the application and understand HFN’s formal consultation preference. CNSC staff asked if HFN has been meeting with OPG on this and how that is going. HFN noted that the time frame is too narrowly scoped for breadth and depth of what is being proposed. HFN indicated that having the hearing dates already set for April and June presupposes that this is an administrative change and already puts limits on the approach to consultation and assessment that can be done in that time period. HFN shared their perspective that the legacy concerns have not been discussed, and an impact assessment would help bring this forward. CNSC staff clarified when referring to administrative changes, staff were only referring to combining the two operating licences and the removal of licence conditions that were no longer applicable. HFN highlighted that the refurbishment is new. CNSC staff mentioned there will be no new licensed activities associated with refurbishment. There will be new work done on the site. HFN explained this is where consent and legacy concerns come in.
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	HFN explained that an April and June hearing puts the CNSC position as being business as usual whereas an impact assessment mind set would take more time and not be next year. CNSC staff shared that the refurbishment does not require an environmental assessment. Continued operations under a renewed licence does, for which refurbishment is required as a prerequisite. HFN raised they don't understand how an organization that complies with UNDRIP/UNDA can bypass any obligations about fixing issues that are of Indigenous concerns. HFN shared they have never been included or had a say on what has been done at PNGS. All impingements from these projects have been minimized by OPG. HFN asked where OPG fits with applying UNDA and UNDRIP. HFN raised that many people are making decisions on behalf of First Nations, without those First Nations without having a say. CNSC staff noted that they want to work with HFN on ensuring HFN have opportunities to directly communicate these concerns, and understand HFN's process for free, prior and informed consent. CNSC staff indicated that they want to develop an approach to consultation, that aims to seek their Free, Prior and Informed Consent for this application.
Updates from HFN and CNSC staff	CNSC staff asked if HFN is still participating in the Chalk River IEMP on October 24th? <u>Action: HFN will confirm internally whether they will participate in Chalk River IEMP and get back to CNSC staff on this.</u>
Closing and confirmation of next meeting	Next meeting September 18 th .

Responsible Party	Context	Action Item
CNSC	HFN asked if historical information is contained in the Regulatory Oversight Reports (RORs). CNSC staff clarified that RORs do not include long-term details about a licence, instead only focus on more recent changes. CNSC staff further clarified that the Commission Member Document (CMD) will include a table that identifies changes	CNSC staff will pass along the interest to see a document that captures the long-term changes / historical information about a licence to the CNSC staff who prepare the RORs.

	between the current and former licence.	
CNSC	CNSC staff noted Commission's approval for OPG's request to extend the operating lifetime to 2026, after which PNGS would be shut down. CNSC staff further clarified that the current PNGS renewal application is to begin refurbishment as soon as the commercial operation is shut down in 2026. CNSC staff further noted that following refurbishment, OPG would be required to submit an application for operations post-refurbishment.	CNSC staff will update the slide deck and add further context to the refurbishment slide, regarding the extension of PNGS' operating lifetime.
CNSC	HFN noted concern with use of the "potential" in the slide deck, as this could leave doubt and could allow non-rights holders to comment on HFN rights. HFN further explained that use of the word "potential" comes across as denying the impact on rights, which HFN views as already occurring due to the legacy issues and ongoing operations of the PNGS.	CNSC committed to improving their materials, including opportunities to revise use the phrase 'potential' when discussing impacts to rights and interests.
Hiawatha First Nation	CNSC staff asked if HFN would be participating in the CNSC-led Independent Environmental Monitoring Program at the Chalk River facility on October 24th?	HFN will confirm internally whether they will participate, and provide a response to CNSC staff.

Curve Lake First Nation and CNSC staff monthly meeting

September 18, 2025

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	Curve Lake Attendees
Laura DeCoste, ICED Erin Cotnam-Bent, ICED Marina Martin, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division	Kayla Wright Lily Boggs Francis Chua Paola Cueva

Agenda:

- Welcome and introductions
- Consultation discussion/ working planning: approach to consultation on OPG Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Waste Management Facility application. Guiding questions for consideration:
 - What are your initial concerns about the project?
 - What aspects of the project do you want or need to learn more about?
 - Do you see any impacts on Curve Lake's rights or interests? Does Curve Lake have a preferred approach to assessing impacts and discussing potential mitigation or accommodations measures?
 - Are there specific consultation activities or approaches you would like to take? How would Curve Lake like to incorporate your Indigenous Knowledge, Laws, Culture and Free, Prior and Informed Consent process into the assessment and Commission proceedings?
- Updates from Curve Lake and CNSC staff
- Closing and confirmation of next meeting (Oct 16)

Meeting Notes

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Topic	Discussion
Welcome and Introductions	Welcome and introductions.
Discussion/Working Planning: Approach to consultation on the Pickering NGS renewal and refurb application.	CNSC staff provided follow-up information related to storage with surveillance and deferred decommissioning: CNSC staff explained that the transition to storage with surveillance (SWS) has many steps. When moving to put a facility into SWS, that is called stabilization. SWS is part of the decommissioning licencing phase. During SWS the units are in layup state, some equipment may be taken out of that state and decommissioned. CNSC staff explained that deferred decommissioning is the long-term state of SWS (30 or more years). During this state, OPG may dismantle support structures with lower risk profiles, on-nuclear buildings in the area that aren't in use. Decommissioning is a large stage and could last several decades. CNSC staff noted they will clearly explain the activities OPG is seeking to conduct relating to SWS and deferred decommissioning in the CMD. Curve Lake noted this is the first time they will be going through a decommissioning and refurbishment process and want to recommunicate this information internally to leadership and the community. CNSC staff shared that they have started to develop an issues and concerns table to capture the items Curve Lake is raising. The document will be shared with Curve Lake for review and input and will remain a 'living document' between now and the hearing. Curve Lake raised three streams of discussions for this project: 1- Ongoing Curve Lake and OPG regular discussion; 2- Ongoing Curve Lake and CNSC discussion; and 3- Internal (to Curve Lake) discussions on the project. CNSC asked if Curve Lake would like the CNSC staff to provide a workshop as well. Curve Lake stated the discussions should continue through the monthly meetings at this time but would like to invite CNSC staff to one of the monthly meetings with OPG.

	CNSC staff agreed to participate in a future meeting with OPG and the Michi Saagiig Nations. <u>Discussion on Approach to Consultation</u> What are your initial concerns about the project? CNSC staff asked Curve Lake if they have any initial concerns about the project. Curve Lake noted that with decommissioning there are some initial concerns about moving materials off site through their territory. CNSC staff asked if Curve Lake has similar concerns about construction activities (bringing things into site or risk reduction activities). Curve Lake noted they do, but the main concern nuclear materials. Curve Lake asked several questions on this: If OPG is doing refurbishment or delayed decommissioning, what structures are staying in place, what are being dismantled, where are the dismantled pieces going (onsite or off-site), what are the transportation routes. CNSC staff shared that they do have this information and can share it with Curve Lake, as OPG's Detailed Decommissioning Plan (DDP) lists all structures they will be decommissioning in a phased approach, noting that when OPG intends to do the work on these buildings, they will send letters to the CNSC of what buildings OPG will be dismantling, and when. <u>Action- CNSC will provide Curve Lake with information regarding moving materials offsite.</u> Curve Lake asked if CNSC would present an overview of the application to Curve Lake's committee in the new year. CNSC noted that would be great and will set something up for the new year. <u>Action: CNSC will set up time to provide Committee with presentation on Pickering application.</u> Curve Lake raised several questions about waste: what waste is staying on site and what is going off; what type of waste is going off site - will it include landfill waste, hazardous waste, low level waste, recycling, metal recycling; does anything need to get shipped off to International locations for further processing. <u>Action: CNSC will seek further information about the type of waste remaining on site and what waste will be off site.</u>
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	What aspects of the project do you want or need to learn more about? CNSC staff asked if there are any aspects of the project that Curve Lake wants more information on. Curve Lake asked what the licensing process looks like for decommissioning. CNSC staff explained OPG's application inform the CNSC and public what activities they will request permission to do during licensing period, including if they are seeking to decommission planning envelopes A and B. CNSC staff expect that decommissioning of envelope C would be part of the next renewal. Curve Lake asked if OPG is requesting a 10-year licence. CNSC staff noted that the DDP is on 5-year update cycle, however OPG can update it more frequently if they choose. The updates will include the most up to date decommissioning details. The DPP is reviewed by CNSC staff, but it is the Commission that authorizes the work underneath the DDP. Curve Lake asked if there will be an opportunity to hear about the updates and milestones within the 10-year licence period. CNSC staff explained these types of updates will be included in the RORs. CNSC staff shared that sharing of decommissioning updates could be included in the Licence Condition Handbook. Curve Lake noted that would be good. Curve Lake asked if the refurbishment of the units will be conducted in parallel or phased approach. CNSC staff shared that OPG intends to complete the refurbishment sequentially (unit 5, then unit 6, then unit 7, and then unit 8). There will be parallel work at the beginning due to shared systems being updated at the same time, but the units will come back online sequentially. For the timelines, CNSC staff noted that they expect to start the refurbishments January 1, 2027, and be completed by 2032. CNSC staff noted they have asked OPG for more information about the refurbishment timelines and process for updates on shared systems and will share this information with Curve Lake. <u>Action: CNSC staff will share further details on refurbishment timelines and process once they are available.</u>
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	Do you see any impacts on Curve Lake's rights or interests? Does Curve Lake have a preferred approach to assessing impacts and discussing potential mitigation or accommodations measures? CSNC staff asked if Curve Lake sees any impacts on Curve Lake's rights or interest, particularly in relation to the lakebed and construction of the deep-water intake. Curve Lake noted there are areas of land and wetland near the lake that might be available for harvesting and fishing and are considering potential accommodations measures for this. Curve Lake noted they have raised this before with OPG in relation to the Wesleyville project. Curve Lake noted this relates to legacy issues, Curve Lake has not had access to these lands and shorelines since the construction of Pickering, so are considering how they can regain access. <u>Action: CNSC staff will take note of that and will see if OPG can accommodate the request Curve Lake is asking.</u> Curve Lake would like to understand why OPG is moving from surface water to deep water intake, including the pros and cons of this change. Curve Lake also wants to know the impacts on the Fisheries Act Authorization, including the deep-water Fisheries Act Authorization. Curve Lake raised, how do we create safe and secure terrestrial and aquatic places. <u>Action: CNSC will look into the impact of the deep water intake on the Fisheries Act Authorization.</u> Curve Lake noted that construction of intake pipe will be an important area to consider the impacts of. Curve Lake noted it is important to improve information about impingement and entanglement of fish. Curve Lake noted there should be a four (4) seasons approach to data collection. Harvester reception needs to be improved. Curve Lake would also like more clarity on tritium release into the water. <u>Action: CNSC will update the issues and concerns tracker with the points Curve Lake has raised during the meeting.</u> Assessment and Documentation of Impact to Rights CNSC asked how Curve Lake would like to assess and document impacts to rights. Curve Lake shared they would like to create a topic list/issues and merge together the community's point of view with the initial rights impact assessment. Curve Lake will need the technical- CNSC and OPG western
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	view and then will create a separate IPD which will merge the points of view (similar to approach for Westleyville). Curve Lake noted there is a disconnect between legacy issues and whether it triggers an impact assessment. Refurbishment gives a new lifespan on things that were never consulted on. CNSC noted that the refurbishment would provide PNGS with a roughly 30-year increased lifespan. Curve Lake noted that between the 10-year licence current being reviewed followed by a 30-year lifespan it is starting the PNGS operations over again and yet, the legacy issues haven't been looked at yet. Curve Lake noted OPG is considering some environmental restoration locations and is including Curve Lake in these discussions. Curve Lake is currently working on an Indigenous Knowledge study to determine what an appropriate baseline for restoration is. Are there specific consultation activities or approaches you would like to take? CNSC staff asked if there are specific consultation activities or approaches Curve Lake would like to take. Curve Lake wants to continue to meet individually with the CNSC but later on will want to meet with the CNSC as part of the Michi Saagiig Collective.
Updates from Curve Lake and CNSC staff	September 29th Leadership Meeting. CNSC staff confirmed that CNSC participants will include Ian Lindsay, Rebecca D'Onofrio, Heather Crowe and President Tremblay. Curve Lake First Nation confirmed the attendance of Chief Laurie Hockaday and three (3) councillors: Dr. Shelley Fife-Knott, Sean Conway and Arnold Taylor.
Next Steps	Next Meeting – October 16 Will continue the discussion on Pickering. Ian will send out an updated meeting series.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Context	Action Item
CNSC	Noted concerns about moving materials off site through their territory in regards to refurbishment or delayed	CNSC will provide Curve Lake First Nation with information regarding

	decommissioning, including questions about what structures are staying in place, what structures are being dismantled, and where are the dismantled structure pieces going (whether onsite or off-site) and what are the transportation routes. CNSC staff shared that they do have this information and can share it with Curve Lake, as OPG's Detailed Decommissioning Plan (DDP) lists all structures they will be decommissioning in a phased approach, noting that when OPG intends to do the work on these buildings, they will send letters to the CNSC of what buildings OPG will be dismantling, and when.	moving materials offsite, per OPG's Detailed Decommissioning Plan.
CNSC	Requested a presentation from CNSC staff on an overview of the application to the Nations committee in the New Year.	CNSC is committed to set up a time to provide Curve Lake First Nation's Committee with a presentation on the Pickering NGS application.
CNSC	Asked what waste is staying on site and what is going off; Asked what type of waste is going off site, and will it include landfill waste, hazardous waste, low level waste, recycling, metal recycling; Asked if anything would be shipped off to any international locations for further processing.	CNSC will seek further information about the type of waste remaining on site and what waste will be off-site.
CNSC	Curve Lake asked if the refurbishment of the units will be conducted in parallel or phased approach.	CNSC staff will share further details on refurbishment timelines and process once they are available.

	CNSC staff noted they have asked OPG for more information about the refurbishment timelines and process for updates on shared systems and will share this information with Curve Lake.	
CNSC	Areas of land and wetland near the lake that might be available for harvesting and fishing, and Curve Lake First Nation is considering potential accommodations measures for this. This pertains to legacy issues, including lack of access to lands and shorelines since the construction of Pickering NGS, for consideration of how access might be re-gained.	CNSC staff note this comment, and will reiterate the request for accommodation to OPG.
CSNC / DFO	Asked why OPG is moving from surface water to deep water intake and raised interest in the pros / cons of this change. Asked sought interest in the impacts of a <i>Fisheries Act</i> Authorization, including authorization of the proposed deep-water in-take. Expressed interest in creating safe and secure terrestrial and aquatic places.	CNSC staff note this comment, and will raise this with OPG. CNSC will also pass along the comment to DFO.
CNSC	Various comments heard throughout the meeting.	CNSC staff noted the comments heard during the meeting, and has begun developing a table to capture the issues and concerns raised by Curve Lake First Nation regarding the forthcoming PNGS Hearing. The table will be shared with Curve Lake First Nation for review and comment and will become an evergreen document between now and the commencement of the PNGS Hearing.

CNSC	Laura DeCoste is on secondment from CNSC for 2-years (until Oct. 2027). Ian Lindsay will assume the relationship role, and will set up new calendar series for the monthly CNSC-CLFN meetings.	Update: Complete – recurring monthly meetings with Curve Lake First Nation have been set.
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Hiawatha First Nation and CNSC staff monthly meeting

September 18, 2025
(Virtual, MS Teams)

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Consultation discussion: work planning and approach to consultation OPG PNGS and PWMF application. Guiding questions for consideration:
 - a. What are your initial concerns about the project?
 - b. What aspects of the project do you want or need to learn more about?
 - c. HFN has raised concerns about legacy impacts, are there any specific mitigations measures or approaches to addressing this concern that HFN would like to explore further?
 - d. Do you see any impacts on HFN's rights or interests? Does HFN have a preferred approach to assessing impacts and discussing potential mitigation or accommodations measures?
 - e. Are there specific consultation activities or approaches you would like to take? How would HFN like to incorporate your Indigenous Knowledge, Laws, Culture and Free, Prior and Informed Consent process into the assessment and Commission proceedings?
3. Updates from HFN and CNSC staff
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Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
Welcome and Introductions	Welcome to Ian
Discussion/ working planning: approach to consultation on the Pickering NGS renewal and refurb application. Guiding questions for consideration	CNSC staff asked if there are any initial concerns about the project. HFN noted there are no new concerns that haven't already been brought to OPG's attention. HFN noted they are waiting for information from studies to better understand the potential impact. CNSC asked if HFN can share what initial concerns that have raised with OPG. <u>Action: HFN will follow-up with CNSC on concerns they have raised with OPG.</u> CNSC asked if HFN has any initial concerns about the deep-water intake and the lakebed. HFN explained there is assertion of rights of the lakebed, the lake and waters but don't know the status of a decision as to who holds jurisdiction of this. CNSC asked if there is any aspect of the project that HFN wants to know more about. HFN raised concerns about legacy impacts. CNSC staff asked if there are any specific mitigations measures or approaches to addressing this concern that HFN would like to explore further. HFN shared they have been talking to OPG about mitigation measures. HFN is currently considering what these measures could be. CNSC staff asked if HFN sees any impacts on rights or interests from the project. HFN raised legacy issues and the activities at PNGS impact HFN's rights- HFN is unable to go to the land and use it. HFN shared there are proof of burials and archeology sites on the PNGS site, but community members won't use land or harvest from it because of access and it being used for nuclear energy. HFN explained there is also destruction of habitat and the water at the location.

	CNSC staff shared they understand the legacy issues are a concern and asked if HFN has been thinking of what action they would like to see to address the legacy concerns. HFN shared they have discussed offsetting measures with OPG, such as putting together an environmental fund where everyone agrees where to use the funds to improve a piece of land and improve biodiversity within that area. When HFN comes to OPG with issues, the response is from the government and not from OPG. HFN noted this includes all the Williams Treaty Nations and OPG – not just Hiawatha First Nation. HFN shared an example of Lynde Shores. OPG has worked at restoring this area, but the location and expansion of urban footprint is impacting the Nations’ ability to access the area. CNSC staff asked if there are any other impacts to rights in addition to the legacy issues and alienation from lands. HFN noted the cumulative impacts of these issues, but some Michi Saagiig First Nations are working on completing a study to better understand what the cumulative impacts are. CNSC staff asked if there are specific consultation activities or approaches HFN would like to take. CNSC staff noted that they are collective issues and concerns heard so far and put them into an issues and concerns tracker. These are part of our typical CMD tracking. Action: CNSC will develop an issues and concerns tracker with items raised and share with HFN. HFN noted they would like CNSC to provide a presentation in community. HFN will need to confirm with the Chief and Council their availability. CNSC would be open to doing a presentation on the project. <u>Action: HFN will confirm with Chief and Council their interest in having CNSC staff come provide a presentation on the Pickering project.</u> CNSC asked if HFN is interested in meetings with the other Michi Saagiig Nations to discuss the project. HFN is interested in future meetings with the other Michi Saagiig Nations but want to continue to have individual meetings with CNSC as well.
Updates from HFN and CNSC staff	Rice Lake Sampling

	CNSC staff asked if HFN had any comments/questions on the Rice Lake Sampling. HFN noted they have no questions. They have not decided if they will HFN- no questions and noted they May do what we can this year and do some next year. CNSC requested that if HFN decides to move forward with the Rice Lake sampling, then HFN should email CNSC staff in case changes are needed to the contribution agreement.
Closing and confirmation of next meeting (Oct 16)	<u>Action: CSNC will set up a new calendar series for the monthly meetings.</u>

Action Items

Responsible Party	Context	Action
HFN	CNSC asked Hiawatha First Nation to share the initial concerns regarding PNGS that have been raised with OPG.	Hiawatha First Nation will follow up with CNSC on concerns they have raised with OPG.
CNSC	Various comments heard throughout the meeting.	CNSC staff noted the comments heard during the meeting, and has begun developing a table to capture the issues and concerns raised by Hiawatha First Nation regarding the forthcoming PNGS Hearing. The table will be shared with Hiawatha First Nation for review and comment and will become an evergreen document between now and the commencement of the PNGS Hearing.
HFN	CNSC asked if Hiawatha First Nation would be interested in a presentation from CNSC staff on an overview of the application in the New Year.	Hiawatha First Nation will confirm the interest of Chief / Council in having CNSC staff come provide a presentation on PNGS.
CNSC	Laura DeCoste is on secondment from CNSC for 2-years (until Oct. 2027).	Update: Complete – recurring monthly meetings with Hiawatha First Nation have been set.

	Ian Lindsay will assume the relationship role, and will set up new calendar series for the monthly CNSC-HFN meetings.	
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MSIFN and CNSC September Monthly Meeting

September 24, 2025

(Virtual, MS Teams)

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN Attendees	IAAC
Emily Janzen, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Erin Cotnam-Bent (ICED) Marina Martin (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard (ICED) Daniel MacDonald, Pickering Regulatory Program Division	Sam Shrubsole, Minogi Corp Don Richardson, Minogi Corp Rob Lukas, Minogi Corp	Kimberley-Anne Noble, IAAC Genevieve Gaudette, IAAC

Agenda

- **Bruce C Project**
 - o Update on the Impact Statement Phase
 - o Check-in on path forward
- **OPG's application for a Renewal and Refurbishment of the Pickering NGS**
 - o Update and overview of application
 - o Seeking MSIFN's questions and concerns about the application
 - o Seeking potential impacts to rights or interests that MSIFN identifies
 - Does MSIFN have a preferred approach to assessing impacts to rights and discussing potential mitigation or accommodations?
 - Would MSIFN be open to meeting with CNSC staff and OPG together to discuss mitigation?
 - o Path forward and Next Steps
 - Issues and concerns tables
 - Are there specific consultation activities or approaches you would like to take? How would MSIFN like to incorporate your Indigenous Knowledge, Laws, Culture and Free, Prior and Informed Consent process into the assessment and Commission proceedings?
- **If time permits, touch base on:**
 - o ISCF Stream 3 funding application for 2025 engagement activities
 - o End of year leadership meeting and planning for 2026 (Nov 26?)
 - o Consultation framework meeting with all the Michi Saagiig Nations

Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
Bruce C Project	IAAC – IAAC explained that the notice of commencement for Bruce C was posted about a month ago, moving the project into the impact statement phase. Tailored impact statement guidelines were provided to Bruce Power, outlining requirements for the impact statement, and planning documents were made available shortly after. A charter was posted detailing Bruce Power's timeline to submit the impact statement within a year. – IAAC noted MSIFN's interest in Bruce Power's plans for nuclear waste storage, noting that MSIFN had submitted comments on the initial project description but not on the tailored impact statement guidelines. – IAAC will continue to consult, and asked MSIFN their preferred approach. – Next steps will be developing the terms of reference (TOR) for the Panel, which will go to MSIFN for review and comment. Next will be TOR for the Panel, this will go to MSIFN for comment, if interested. MSIFN - MSIFN asked that IAAC continue to share updates and information. IAAC - IAAC has set up the next monthly meeting on Oct 2. The meeting will discuss the process to meet Duty to Consult and approaches to FPIC. MSIFN - MSIFN asked if the waste will be transported off-site or will it be stored onsite. CNSC - CNSC staff noted that that information hasn't been submitted by Bruce Power yet. MSIFN - MSIFN highlighted the importance of seeking consent from rights-holding First Nations, particularly the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, regarding waste storage. MSIFN emphasized the need to observe and potentially adopt best practices from the SON's consent processes for future projects within other treaty lands and discussed the potential need for collaboration with other Anishinaabe communities if waste transportation is involved. CNSC

Topic	Discussion
	- CNSC noted they will confirm with SON if they are interested in connecting with the Michi Saagiig Nations as the project progresses. IAAC - IAAC asked if MSIFN is they are interested in connecting with Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, the potential host community for the deep geological repository, to support discussions on FPIC and regulatory oversight. MSIFN - Confirmed interest in hearing directly from their community about their internal processes and agreements with NWMO. - <u>ACTION: IAAC will confirm if Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation if there is a capacity to connect MSIFN with Wabigoon about waste agreements as Rights holders.</u>
OPG's Application for a Renewal and Refurbishment of the Pickering NGS	CNSC - MSIFN expressed interest in viewing OPG's detailed decommissioning plan (DDP) for the Pickering site. CNSC staff noted the Project Officer is away but staff can set up a follow-up conversation about DDPs and provide context about the information CNSC has received and reviewed so far. <u>Action: CNSC will invite the DDP Project Officer to the next monthly meeting.</u> - CNSC noted they were invited to the waste meeting with OPG and MSN. Will attend the November 20, from 10am-12pm, Waste Table to discuss waste, DDP. CNSC - CNSC staff asked whether once the comments on DPP are finalized, would MSIFN be comfortable sharing them with CNSC? MSIFN - There is a protocol of sharing comments from the other Michi Saagiig Nation's. MSIFN will need to confirm with the rest of the Nations whether it's OK to share the comments. If they agree, MSIFN can share the comments with CNSC. CNSC - CNSC staff asked if MSIFN is still interested in meeting with the other Michi Saagiig Nations collectively in the new year to discuss OPG's application. MSIFN - MSIFN agreed the new year would work. <u>Action: CNSC will schedule a meeting with collective MSNs on Pickering Renewal in the new year.</u>

Topic	Discussion
	CNSC - CNSC staff asked if MSIFN has been receiving information or project updates from OPG. - MSIFN - MSIFN noted it is sometimes difficult to understand whether information being shared is tied to a specific application. It is also hard to know when the information being shared pertains to nuclear waste management. - MSIFN noted their legal team has not reviewed the information OPG has shared. - MSIFN noted they do have monthly meetings with OPG but there is a lot of activities taking place at PNGS. - MSIFN shared they often don't receive notice about what activities are going on until those activities have already started. CNSC - CNSC staff mentioned they have had conversations with OPG about their delivery of information and sounds like they will be making changes to their approach. - CNSC will continue to have conversations with OPG about this and will note it would be helpful to clarify when the information is related to specific applications. MSIFN - MSIFN asked if applying for a site-wide application has always been possible. CNSC - CNSC staff noted the Commission doesn't limit how the applications are received. OPG can at any point submit an application for a consolidated licence. Point Lepreau has had consolidated waste licence since 2008. Presentation on OPG's Application CNSC staff presented an overview of OPG's Renewal and Refurbishment Application. Staff broke the application down into 5 sections: 1. OPG is seeking a 10-year licence renewal 2. Administrative updates ○ OPG removing licence conditions that are no longer relevant to this phase of the licence. 3. Request to refurbish reactors #5-8 ○ Redesign and construct deep water intake. ○ Plan to reconnect to the grid by 2026.

Topic	Discussion
	MSIFN - MSIFN asked if the current application requires another climate change evaluation. CNSC - CNSC staff noted OPG did submit a Climate Change Resiliency Assessment but there is no specific requirement to update this. - OPG will need to do a safety assessment at 5-year intervals and that does need to consider climate considerations. MSIFN - MSIFN asked if there are climate change risk plans associated with specific SSCs that OPG would need to further monitor or evaluate? MSIFN would be interested in knowing more about this. CNSC - CNSC staff noted that OPG conducts hazard screening assessments (high winds, rainfall impact on building) as part of the initial scoping phase of the required safety assessments. They will look at which events are possible and likely and do assessments on that. OPG has not shared updates to these yet, but will need to be completed over the next 5 years. MSIFN - MSIFN shared they are interested in reviewing and being a part of any hazard assessments related to any shoreline infrastructure. - MSIFN asked if the Fisheries Act Authorization (FAA) applies to deep water intake construction. CNSC - CNSC staff explained OPG will only update the FAA when the current one expires in 2028. OPG has not informed the CNSC when they will apply to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) for the FAA- this was a follow-up question the CNSC has asked OPG. <u>Action- CNSC will share more information on the timelines for OPG applying for the FAA once it is received.</u> 4. Request for Storage with Surveillance and some Non-Nuclear Decommissioning Activities. - o OPG is requesting to put Units 1 and 4 into storage and surveillance. - o Units 2 and 3 are already in storage and surveillance. MSIFN

Topic	Discussion
	- MSIFN shared they would like to show their leadership how OPG conducts defueling. MSIFN asked if CNSC has videos or information about this process. MSIFN asked Is there a time of year defueling is done? <u>Action- CNSC will look into resources on defueling and share with MSIFN.</u> - CNSC staff offered to provide a presentation to leadership if this would be of interest. - CNSC staff explained defueling occurs inside the building. The fuel goes from the reactor to the fuel bay. Outside elements do not impact the defueling process. 5. Combining OPG's reactor and waste facility operating licence - o This is more of an administrative request as the oversight will not be changed. MSIFN - MSIFN raised a concerns that the NRCan's Waste Policy wouldn't apply because it is a combined licence. CNSC - CNSC staff noted the implementation of this policy does not change with the combination of the licenses. - CNSC staff asked if MSIFN and NRCan had met to discuss the policy. MSIFN - MSIFN noted the last meeting with NRCan was cancelled. CNSC - CNSC Staff offered to recirculate the response to MSIFN's question about how the CNSC is implementing NRCan's Canada's Policy for Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning. <u>Action: CNSC will recirculate the response to MSIFN's question about how the CNSC is implementing NRCan's Canada's Policy for Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning.</u> Key Consultation Activities Discussion CNSC staff noted the following initial concerns raised by MSIFN a) type of assessments b) timeframe c) concerns around jurisdiction of lakebed d) combining the licenses

Topic	Discussion
	MSIFN - Regarding Commission proceedings, MSIFN noted they submit their interventions and then doesn't receive any background or response to the intervention submission. They feel as though it's not considered and the Commission proceeds with issuing or making modifications to the licence without referencing any of the MSIFN's submission or Indigenous laws- such as the seven grandfather teachings. MSIFN requested that CNSC staff reiterate these concerns and ask that the Commission address rights holding Nation's submissions. - MSIFN shared they have no idea how their submission was applied or impacted the decision or how the Commission makes their decision. - MSIFN noted they raised this concern during the Listening tour. - MSIFN noted that working on Licence Condition Handbook for the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station renewal is a good example of showing how feedback is heard and put to action. CNSC - CNSC staff noted the concerns raised by MSIFN have been shared with the Registry previously and that they will continue to share this feedback. Staff noted that, recently, they have seen more information included in the Record of Decision regarding how Indigenous Nations and communities' input was considered and applied for the decision. Staff noted that they can only pass on this feedback to the Registry to inform the Commission, but cannot tell the Commission what to write since they are an independent decision-making body. But Staff noted they will continue to pass on the feedback to Registry. <u>Action: CNSC staff will raise MSIFN's concerns with the Registry.</u> MSIFN - MSIFN noted they recognize the Commission is independent but as a quasi-judicial commission, but it should provide more rationale and transparency. - MSIFN noted that the Canadian Energy Regulator has an Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC) that supports the Commissioners on that Panel. MSIFN asked if the CNSC is aware of whether this council advises the CER's panel on decisions. CNSC - CNSC staff noted that the concept of an IAC is being looked into by the CNSC's Reconciliation, Policy and Public Programs Division. CNSC Staff committed to following up to see what the CNSC has found out in terms of the CER IAC's mandate.

Topic	Discussion
	<u>Action: CNSC staff will look into the mandate of the CER's IAC and provide this information to MSIFN.</u> MSIFN - MSIFN noted that PNGS is an old site and the space is very tight. There are two separate reactor complexes and a lot of activities moving forward together. Decommissioning of the 4 reactors are tangled with the other reactor complex. Waste from Pickering A will be stored at facilities on Pickering B site and there is another project moving along at the same time regarding construction of the deepwater intake. - MSIFN noted they are impacts to rights from these 3 distinct projects. - MSIFN noted the federal process has determined no duty to consult and has raised concerns regarding OPG's piecemeal approach. Yet MSIFN sees the activities are very intertwined and dependent upon one another which is creating a series of impacts on MSIFN's rights. CNSC - CNSC staff noted they are and talking to OPG about their messaging on the activities. - CNSC staff explained the current application does contain the deepwater intake construction; early storage with surveillance, and refurbishment of units 5-8 are within one application package. Staff note that the detailed decommissioning plan, however, is on a different regulatory trajectory. - CNSC staff explained the CNSC does not have a say in what OPG applies for, but CSNC specialists are seeing a lot of connection between Pickering A and B. Staff are asking OPG questions including: around how will these interconnections be handled; which systems are being shut off; and which needs to be maintained in the short term and the long-term. - CNSC staff were notified of the deep water intake project, however OPG did not require an application for it, as it is within the current licensing basis and under the jurisdiction of other government organizations (DFO). However, because the Commission has not authorized refurbishment, OPG is conducting this work at their-own risk since its construction is to support operations beyond refurbishment. CNSC - CNSC staff noted next steps following the discussion today: - o continue discussions on DDP at the next monthly meeting, including the process for decommissioning

Topic	Discussion
	○ CNSC staff will prepare an issues and concern table to make sure we are capturing this information correctly and providing responses to actions. ○ CNSC staff will schedule a meeting with all the Michi Saagiig Nations in the new year to discuss the application. ○ CNSC staff will prepare a plan for the rest of the process leading up to Commission proceedings, this may include presenting at a future MSIFN leadership meeting; and sharing information with the community about the application and process. - CNSC staff asked if MSIFN would like to co-draft the Rights Impact Assessment for the Pickering project? MSIFN - MSIFN expressed frustrations with CNSC's current rights impact assessment process, noting that determinations of impacts to rights should be made solely by Indigenous Nations without Crown involvement. They emphasized the importance of respecting Indigenous perspectives and laws, and called for a more genuine, Nation-led assessment process. - MSIFN emphasized the complexity of assessing impacts to rights due to intertwined projects, historic lack of consultation, and legal challenges. MSIFN highlighted the need to address historic impacts on rights, especially regarding lakebed jurisdiction and infill, and the challenge of conducting a comprehensive rights impact assessment within limited timelines and resources. - MSIFN noted that OPG has not discussed rights impacts assessment with MSIFN yet. MSIFN shared that timelines for PFP created delays and that it would be helpful for the funding to be released earlier. CNSC - CNSC staff committed to sharing this feedback regarding the rights impact assessment process and funding with the Policy team, for incorporation into the Listening Tour's What We Heard Report.. - CNSC staff noted it would be helpful to have further discussion on the historical context, lakebed jurisdiction and timelines. - CNSC staff noted that in OPG's application, they identify impacts to rights. - CNSC staff shared that CNSC can still provide funding for the Indigenous knowledge Study, or for an internal resource to help scope the study, that was previously proposed by MSIFN and the Michi Saagiig Nations, if MSIFN is still considering this work.

Topic	Discussion
Other	Upcoming Meetings and Scheduling CNSC and MSIFN confirmed dates for future meetings, including: • October 22, where the Pickering project will be discussed further. • November 26, which will be extended to 2 hours and set aside for the 2025 CNSC-MSIFN Terms of Reference and Workplan meeting. • December 17 (previously December 24th and was moved up a week earlier to avoid the Christmas holidays). <u>Action: MSIFN will confirm if leadership is interested in attending the meeting with CNSC on November 26th to discuss 2025's activities and 2026 priorities.</u> Consultation Framework meeting date confirmed for November 18th. <u>Action: MSIFN will ask the other Michi Saagiig Nations if they would prefer to meet in person, virtually, or hybrid for the Consultation Framework meeting on November 18.</u> 2026 Workplan CNSC staff shared that there will be two applications on DNNP, that they anticipate OPG submitting in Q1 2026, to include in the 2026 workplan. <u>Action: CNSC will provide more information about OPG's anticipated DNNP applications and timelines.</u> Funding Applications and ISCF Process CNSC staff clarified the process for submitting ISCF funding applications, noting that future ISCF Stream 3 applications for workplan activities should be submitted in advance of activities. CNSC agreed to make an exception for the current year, and MSIFN will submit a Stream 3 application as soon as possible. <u>Action: MSIFN will submit the application for Stream 3 funding to support the 2025 workplan.</u> REGDOC-3.2.2 MSIFN requested updates on timelines and next steps for REGDOC 3.2.2 review.

Topic	Discussion
	Action: CNSC staff will confirm the expected release and comment period for REGDOC 3.2.2.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
IAAC	Confirm if Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation has capacity to connect with MSIFN about waste agreements as Rights holders.
CNSC	Invite the DDP Project Officer to the next monthly meeting. (complete)
CNSC	Schedule a meeting with collective Michi Saagiig Nations on Pickering Renewal in the new year.
CNSC	Share more information on timelines for OPG applying for FAA once received.
CNSC	Look into resources on defueling and share with MSIFN. (complete, shared via e-mail October 21, 2025)
CNSC	Recirculate overview of NRCan's waste policy. (complete, sent via e-mail October 1, 2025)
CNSC	Raise MSIFN's concerns with the Registry. (complete)
CNSC	Look into the mandate of CER's Indigenous Advisory Council and provide info to MSIFN. (complete, shared via e-mail October 21, 2025)
CNSC	Regarding OPG's Pickering application: Prepare issues and concerns table, process plan, potential leadership presentation, and community info sharing.
CNSC	Send out revised meeting request for next meetings. (complete)
CNSC	Provide more information about DNNP applications and timelines for 2026 workplan. (complete, early notification e-mails were sent to the Nations on October 28, 2025)
CNSC	Confirm details and timelines for REGDOC 3.2.2 review. (complete, shared via e-mail October 21, 2025)
CNSC	Regarding OPG's Pickering project, CNSC staff will prepare a plan for the rest of the process leading up to Commission proceedings, this may include presenting at a future MSIFN leadership meeting; and sharing information with the community about the application and process.

MSIFN	Submit the application for Stream 3 funding to support the 2025 workplan.(complete)
MSIFN	Confirm if leadership is interested in meeting with CNSC on November 26. (Complete)
MSIFN	Confirm if Michi Saagiig Nations prefer in-person, virtual, or hybrid format for Consultation Framework meeting on November 18. (Complete)

MSIFN and CNSC October Monthly Meeting

October 22, 2025
(Virtual, MS Teams)

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN Attendees
Emily Janzen, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Marina Martin (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard (ICED) Daniel MacDonald, Pickering Regulatory Program Division Jamie Bodgen (ICED)	Sam Shrubsole, Minogi Corp Finn Komai, Minogi Corp

Agenda

- Pickering NGS:
 - o Discussion on questions from last meeting
 - o Check-in on OPG's engagement
- Touch base on DNNP including upcoming 2026 applications and approach to consultation
- If time permits, touch base on:
 - o End of year TOR meeting: Nov 26
 - o Consultation framework meeting with all the Michi Saagiig Nations – confirmed hybrid on Nov 18

Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
Intro	CNSC presentation with new leads on files due to reorg within our team
Pickering NGS	Issues and Concerns Table • CNSC noted that the draft "issues and concerns" table for the Pickering application was not yet ready. • CNSC proposed scheduling additional time in November or December to review the table in detail, allowing time to integrate recent materials received from OPG. • The table will support MSIFN's review of OPG's renewal and refurbishment application for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. Detailed Decommissioning Plan (DDP) • CNSC was unable to have their lead attend the meeting but confirmed interest in future discussions to present their regulatory framework and review the first volumes of OPG's DDP. • CNSC will present on its waste and decommissioning regulatory framework at the upcoming OPG Waste Table meeting in November. • MSIFN, through Arcadis, has completed a review of OPG's DDP Volumes 1 & 2 and is preparing a comprehensive response including matrices. This report is expected to be shared with OPG and CNSC within the week. • The response also addresses CNSC's comments on the DDP. Duty to Consult • CNSC clarified that their role in consultation is tied to Commission decision-making and regulatory responsibilities, while other aspects like project design and funding fall outside their direct authority. • MSIFN emphasized the importance of understanding who holds the duty to consult for each license and application, given the complexity of the Pickering project. Fisheries Act Authorization (FAA) • OPG's site-wide FAA expires in 2028. They plan to apply for renewal only upon expiry, aligning with post-refurbishment operations expected to begin around 2030–2031. • CNSC and Daniel MacDonald explained that OPG is also in early permitting stages with DFO for the Deep Water Intake (DWI) construction, which requires a separate permit for in-water work. • OPG has not yet decided whether the DWI permit will be part of the FAA or a separate authorization.

Topic	Discussion
	Indigenous Knowledge & Cumulative Effects Studies • CNSC raised the topic of potential Indigenous-led studies and asked if an Indigenous Knowledge Study was something the Michi Saagiig Nations intend to pursue. CNSC Staff noted a study like this would be great to inform future projects like Pickering and DNNP. • MSIFN said that while there is strong interest among the communities in conducting Indigenous knowledge and cumulative effects studies, progress has been limited by tight funding timelines and lack of approved budgets from OPG, with some preliminary budgets still awaiting approval. • MSIFN indicated that a cumulative effects lens would likely be incorporated but that further discussions are needed to finalize the approach. • CNSC expressed support and willingness to explore funding options as the Nations are ready to proceed. CNSC staff suggested revisiting the topic during the November 18 consultation framework meeting. Collective Review and Engagement • MSIFN indicated that the four Michi Saagiig Nations intend to conduct a collective review of the Pickering application. • CNSC is open to supporting a collective issues and concerns table, pending confirmation from the Nations. • This approach could reduce the administrative burden and support a more holistic view of the site. Email Distribution and Communication • Finn Komai raised concerns about not receiving Pickering-related emails. • CNSC confirmed updates to the distribution list to include Sam, Finn, Don, Rob, and others as appropriate.
Touch base DNNP	Upcoming Applications for DNNP • CNSC confirmed that OPG plans to submit two applications in Q1 2026: 1. An amendment to the existing licence to construct (LTC), to construct an Intermediate/Low-Level Waste (ILW/LLW) Facility. 2. A license to operate (LTO) the first BWRX-300 reactor. • CNSC staff noted they are aware OPG has shared the letter of intent regarding the LTC amendment application with the Nations earlier in 2025. It was unclear during the meeting whether a similar letter had been shared for the second application, the LTO.

Topic	Discussion
	• CNSC staff asked whether OPG had been engaging the Nations on these projects yet and if there was any feedback from MSIFN. • MSIFN noted they have regular meetings with OPG about various topics and weren't sure if application specifics had been shared with them. Communication and Engagement • CNSC will send an early notification email to MSIFN and other interested Nations within the next two weeks, outlining the upcoming applications. • A formal notification letter will follow once the applications are officially submitted. • MSIFN confirmed they have a meeting scheduled with OPG the following day, which may provide further clarity on the applications and engagement. Hearing Confirmation • MSIFN asked whether the license amendment for the ILW/LLW facility would result in a hearing. • CNSC confirmed that a hearing is planned, and MSIFN's request for an in-person hearing with oral interventions has been passed on to the CNSC Registry and will be recommended to the Commission. Consultation Strategy • CNSC is developing a draft consultation approach for the DNNP applications, which will be shared with MSIFN and other Nations for feedback by late November or early December. • CNSC emphasized the importance of streamlining engagement, given the overlap between the two applications. CNSC noted they are looking for feedback from the Nations on how they would like to approach consultation for these projects and asked if they had a preference for joint discussions (either discussing multiple applications at once but then also if we should have joint meetings with all Nations present.) • MSIFN expressed a preference for a holistic consultation approach, combining discussions for both applications and having all Nations present, to avoid a fragmented view of the site. • CNSC acknowledged this feedback and committed to exploring how to make the process as clear and coordinated as possible, while still respecting the need for separate decisions on each application.
Upcoming Meetings	November Relationship Meeting (Nov 26) • CNSC confirmed that the annual end-of-year relationship meeting will be held virtually.

Topic	Discussion
	- The agenda will follow the usual format: - Welcome and introductions. - Overview of nuclear projects in MSIFN territory. - Review of 2025 activities and priorities. - Planning for the 2026 workplan and funding applications. - Leadership attendance from MSIFN is uncertain due to scheduling constraints. They indicated that it will likely be a staff-level meeting, but MSIFN will confirm if Chief and Council can attend. - If leadership is unavailable, MSIFN may plan a separate meeting in 2026 to address leadership-level engagement. - MSIFN confirmed the meeting will be virtual Consultation Framework Meeting (Nov 18) - This meeting will be held in person at the Great Blue Heron Hotel. - CNSC shared a draft agenda and requested feedback from MSIFN, along with the other Nations, prior to the meeting. CNSC staff also pointed out the discussion questions attached to the agenda, which can help guide the discussion. - The purpose of the meeting is to begin discussions on a consultation framework between CNSC and the Michi Saagiig Nations. CNSC staff noted that they hope this can be the first of a series of discussions on this topic. - CNSC aims to: - Define when and how the framework would apply. - Determine whether it should be project-specific or overarching. - Identify best practices and examples (pending approval for use). - Work through a list of discussion questions collaboratively. - MSIFN committed to reviewing the agenda and providing feedback before the meeting.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	Email MSIFN to schedule Pickering issues/concerns session (Nov or Dec), incl. DDP lead
CNSC	Investigate supporting a collective issues/concerns table for Pickering; confirm feasibility
CNSC	Email DNNP early notification re: applications to all Nations (Complete: sent to Nations on October 28 from Jane MacDonlad)
CNSC	Share draft DNNP consultation approach with Michi Saagiig Nations for review and feedback

CNSC	Follow up with CNSC Registry to inquire if OPG would have a say in the DNNP hearing format
CNSC	Ensure Finn, Don and Rob all get Pickering-related e-mails – COMPLETED OCT 28
MSIFN	Share Arcadis DDP report with OPG and CNSC
MSIFN	Provide feedback on Nov 26 relationship meeting agenda to CNSC
MSIFN	Confirm leadership attendance for virtual relationship meeting on Nov 26
MSIFN	Provide feedback on Nov 18 consultation framework agenda to CNSC

Curve Lake First Nation and CNSC staff monthly meeting

October 29, 2025

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	Curve Lake Attendees
Ian Lindsay, ICED Stéphanie Bédard, ICED Jamie Bogden, ICED Rebecca D’Onofrio, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division	Paige Williams, Consultation Manager Lily Boggs, Consultation Energy Lead Francis Chua, Francis Chua Consulting Kayla Wright, Francis Chua Consulting

Agenda:

- Welcome and introductions (Jamie and Stephanie)
- OPG PNGS and PWMF Application: Continued Consultation Discussion / Working Planning:
 - Approach to Consultation
 - What are your initial concerns about the project?
 - What aspects of the project do you want or need to learn more about?
 - Any specific mitigations measures or approaches to addressing this concern that Curve Lake First Nation would like to explore further?
 - Any impacts on Curve Lake First Nation’s rights or interests? Does Curve Lake First Nation have a preferred approach to assessing impacts and discussing potential mitigation or accommodations measures?
 - Are there specific consultation activities or approaches you would like to take?
 - How might Curve Lake First Nation like to incorporate your Indigenous Knowledge, Laws, Culture, and Free, Prior and Informed Consent process into the assessment and Commission proceedings?
- Darlington New Nuclear Project
 - OPG anticipates submitting two (2) applications in late-Q1 (Spring) 2026
 - Amendment of License to Construct, construct an intermediate and low-level waste facility
 - License to Operate the BWRX reactor
 - How to best consult with Curve Lake First Nation (Joint discussions for both applications? Discuss with Curve Lake First Nation alone, or jointly with other Michi Saagiig Nations?)
- CNSC Consultation Framework Discussion – November 18th

- Proposed agenda and examples of discussion questions attached to meeting invite
- Indigenous Knowledge Study
 - Any update on this item?
- Reminder: Submit ISCF ToR and Workplan application for 2026
- Further updates from Curve Lake First Nation and CNSC staff
- Any further updates and confirmation of next meeting (November 20)
 - Interest in year-end meeting in November? December?

Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
Welcome and Intro	• Agenda was approved • CLFN raised a few additional items: ○ Midterm review for BWXT's Peterborough Facility: CLFN requested if this could be added to a future meeting agenda. ○ Preview of Cameco's Port Hope Conversion Facility license renewal: CLFN flagged this as a priority for early engagement. ○ Potential CNL Port Hope Area Initiative and arsenic criteria hearing: CLFN asked CNSC to monitor and bring forward any developments. • CNSC acknowledged the additions and agreed to include these items in a future meeting, where appropriate • CNSC introduced new staff: ○ Jamie Bogden: Now the CNSC point of contact for Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Port Hope Area Initiatives. ○ Stéphanie Bédard: Supporting Jamie and Ian Lindsay on files related to Curve Lake First Nation and other Michi Saagiig Nations. • CLFN Remarks: ○ Francis Chua acknowledged the contributions of former CNSC staff Marina and Laura to the relationship-building process. ○ CLFN expressed appreciation for continuity and collaboration with new CNSC staff.
Pickering NGS Renewal and Refurbishment OPG PNGS and PWMF Application: Continued Consultation Discussion/Workplanning	• CLFN noted that their involvement in nuclear licensing processes often begins after key decisions are made, as was the case with the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP). • The DNNP EA was completed before CLFN's engagement, and they lacked capacity to review it meaningfully. • Similar concerns were raised about the Darlington refurbishment and Pickering licensing timelines, which predate the 2018 Williams Treaties First Nations Settlement Agreement. • CLFN asked whether an EA or equivalent exists for the Pickering refurbishment.

	• CNSC confirmed that an EA was conducted in 2008 for a previous refurbishment project which was never implemented. • CNSC noted that OPG is not relying on the EA conducted in 2008 for the current Project, noting differences in scope. • CNSC staff will assess OPG's environmental submissions under the <i>Nuclear Safety and Control Act</i> (NSCA), including: ○ Predictive Environmental Risk Assessment ○ Climate Change Resiliency Assessment • These assessments were shared with Indigenous Nations and will be incorporated into CNSC's Commission Member Document (CMD). • CLFN requested access to the 2008 EA for reference. • CNSC agreed to look internally and share what they have, noting similar requests from other Nations. • CNSC noted that CLFN may need to approach OPG directly for the document. • CLFN expressed concern about the disconnect between NSCA-based assessments and broader EA/IA frameworks. • CNSC explained that communities are often more familiar with EA/IA processes, and the NSCA's perceived narrower scope creates confusion and perceived gaps in social, cultural, and economic considerations of interest to the Nations. • CNSC acknowledged this disconnect and offered to provide a presentation on the licensing process, though CLFN noted previous presentations have not resolved these concerns. • CLFN emphasized that nuclear safety and design alone are insufficient for FPIC. • The shorter timelines under NSCA compared to EA/IA processes limit meaningful engagement. • CLFN stressed that concurrent consultations across multiple projects (Pickering, Darlington, Wesleyville) risk sidelining their participation. • CNSC expressed interest in identifying specific consultation and engagement activities CLFN would like to undertake throughout the regulatory process and discuss possible ways for CNSC to support them.
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	• CLFN responded that meaningful engagement before the hearing is often unrealistic, especially given internal and external capacity constraints. • While CLFN staff are willing to work concurrently, this may not reflect the position of Chief and Council or other communities. • There is concern that accepting concurrent processes sets out a precedent for diminished consultation. • CNSC acknowledges this concern and is committed to continuing to work collaboratively with Nations to the extent possible, given Commission timelines. • CNSC also reiterated the need to raise these concerns with the licensee (OPG), as the commencement of the process for a Commission hearing is largely dependent on when the licensee submits acceptable material to CNSC. • CNSC flagged the upcoming November 18 Consultation Framework meeting. • CLFN plans to talk with OPG about the effectiveness of their discussion at their upcoming Pickering Table meeting on November 6 November 6.
Darlington New Nuclear Project	• CNSC noted the early notification email sent to CLFN regarding OPG's intent to submit two applications in early 2026 regarding the Darlington New Nuclear Project: ○ A license to operate the BWRX-300 reactor. ○ An amendment to the license to construct, including a low- and intermediate-level waste facility. • CLFN confirmed receipt of advance notice from OPG (Ken Ross) on October 23, followed by CNSC's early notification email. • While the applications were expected as the next logical step after the license to construct, CLFN admitted they may not have been fully attentive to the timing. • CLFN is now fully aware of the upcoming license to operate applications. • CLFN expressed concern that both the Pickering and DNNP applications are scheduled for review at the same time (late-January 2026).

	• CLFN noted that this creates a significant burden on the Nation's capacity to review and respond meaningfully to both processes. • CNSC acknowledged the issue. • CLFN noted that during the licence to construct for DNNP, the community agreed not to oppose the application on the condition that an Indigenous Knowledge Study would be conducted. • OPG agreed and had earmarked funding for the study, along with other collaborative initiatives. • However, due to competing priorities and resource constraints, CLFN has not been able to advance the Study nor any other IK-related studies. • CLFN noted that while DNNP construction continues, other major files (Darlington licence renewal, Pickering refurbishment) are also active. • The community has prioritized OPG's proposed Wesleyville New Nuclear Project, which CLFN feels has allowed for greater and more proactive engagement from OPG. • As a result, the Indigenous Knowledge Study for DNNP has been sidelined. • CLFN emphasized their interest in having similar IK studies conducted at Pickering, BWXT, and all nuclear facilities in CLFN territory. • CLFN further clarified their long-term goal of conducting Indigenous Knowledge Studies for every nuclear facility in their territory. • They emphasized that such studies are essential for expressing cultural, spiritual, and community values, and for responding to the numerous questions posed by proponents across multiple projects.
Next meeting and planning-	• Next Monthly meeting originally scheduled for November 20 was discussed. ○ CNSC asked CLFN if they prefer to cancel or reschedule it.

	○ CLFN suggested rescheduling it to Friday, November 28 in the afternoon, which CNSC agreed to tentatively. ○ CNSC will confirm availability and send updated invitations. • CLFN confirmed their intent to submit the 2026 Terms of Reference and Work Plan for Curve Lake First Nation (and Hiawatha First Nation). ○ The only variable in the submission is IEMP (Independent Environmental Monitoring Program) participation. ○ CLFN requested the tentative IEMP schedule for 2026 to support their planning. ○ CNSC confirmed that while the IEMP schedule is not yet finalized, they have a good idea of what's coming and will share the tentative schedule with CLFN. ○ Final confirmation is expected closer to January. • CNSC shared that the Funding Review Committee's report on CLFN's application for the Pickering license review is expected shortly. ○ CNSC committed to notifying CLFN as soon as the report is available. • CLFN flagged their intention to apply for CNSC funding in 2026 to support the community's participation in the Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) Conference. • Paige Williams, Consultation Manager of CLFN has been recognized as a CNA ambassador, and her costs will be covered by CNA. • CLFN plans to use CNSC funding to support additional community members attending the conference, with the goal of increasing direct community representation in nuclear industry spaces.
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Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Context	Action Item
CNSC	CLFN raised a few items they would like to add to future agenda meeting	Add additional CLFN items to next monthly meeting: • midterm review for BWXT

		• preview of the CamecoKamiko Port Hope conversion facility license renewal • If any CNL Port Hope Area initiative, arsenic criteria hearing
CNSC	Pickering 2008 A reference request	Locate and share the 2008 Pickering EA with CLFN
CNSC	2026 Work Plan preparation	Share tentative IEMP schedule for 2026 to support CLFN and HFN submissions
CNSC	Funding application update	Notify CLFN when Pickering funding report is released
CNSC	CNA Conference planning	Flag CLFN's intention to apply for CNSC funding to attend the 2026 CNA Conference with the funding team.
CNSC	Consultation Framework Meeting- Nov 18	Revisit attendee list and include technical staff (e.g. Daniel MacDonald)
CNSC	Next Monthly meeting scheduling	Reschedule November 20 meeting to Friday, November 28 (afternoon)
CLFN	2026 Planning	Submit Terms of Reference and work plan for 2026
CLFN	Consultation Framework Meeting- Nov 18	Review and provide feedback on draft agenda and discussion questions

2025 CNSC–MSIFN Terms of Reference & Year-End Review

November 26, 2025 at 10:00 am

Virtual via MS teams

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN
• Emily Janzen, Senior Policy Officer ICED • Stephanie Bédard, Policy Officer ICED • Adam Zenobi, Team lead Funding program	• Don Richardson, CEO • Sam Shrubsole • Finn Komai, consultation advisor and ecology coordinator

Agenda

- Opening remarks from MSIFN and CNSC representatives
- Overview of CNSC’s mandate and regulated facilities within MSIFN territory (CNSC)
- MSIFN to share priorities related to CNSC’s regulatory activities (MSIFN)
- 2025 Long-Term Engagement Work Plan (attached)
 - Review of 2025 activities
 - Discussion of MSIFN priorities for 2026
 - Next steps on MSIFN’s ISCF Stream 3 funding application for 2026
- Strengthening the CNSC-MSIFN Relationship
 - Open discussion on collaboration and feedback from MSIFN
- Next Steps and Action Items

Meeting Notes

Opening remarks

- CNSC opened the meeting, acknowledged collaborative efforts in 2025, and outlined objectives
- Quick round table
- Don from MSIFN provided an in-depth overview of Minogi Corp and MSIFN’s economic development initiatives

Overview of CNSC’s mandate and regulated facilities within MSIFN territory

CNSC provided an overview of facilities within MSIFN territory including those with ongoing operations, current CNSC regulatory processes/applications received, anticipated CNSC regulatory processes (applications not received), Integrated Impact Assessments, conducted by IAAC and CNSC (see Appendix A).

MSIFN noted: They are starting to use the term “Port Hope New Nuclear” instead of “Wesleyville” and are communicating this preference to OPG. However, OPG may not adopt the change due to existing references (e.g., Wesleyville Road).

Regarding the Port Hope Conversion Facility License Renewal, MSIFN expressed interest and confirmed engagement with Cameco for updates.

Regarding the Pickering application, MSIFN requested for any updates on the shifting of timelines for the hearings. CNSC committed to following up with MSIFN on this point and sharing information when staff know more regarding any updated timelines.

Regarding the anticipated Applications for DNNP, CNSC staff shared there are three application anticipated for 2026:

- Q1: Application for an amendment to license to construct a waste storage facility.
- Q1: Application for a License to operate the first BWRX unit.
- Q4: Application to construct BWRX units 2–4 (3 more Units).
- CNSC staff noted that they understand OPG has shared their letters of intent for the first two applications with the nations. Staff also noted they had sent out early notification e-mails to each Nation and extended offers to meet to talk about the approach to consultation for the different DNNP application.
- CNSC noted: Each application will require separate Commission decisions, and CNSC must demonstrate that engagement and consultation have been completed for each application to support those decisions. While CNSC aims to make the process as efficient as possible, there will need to be clear separation between applications at certain points. The approach will prioritize clarity and transparency for all parties.
- Port Hope Area Initiative – Arsenic Cleanup Criteria:
 - Application has been pending for a long time; MSIFN wants to carry this forward into the 2026 work plan.
 - MSIFN meets quarterly with CNL for updates.

Additional MSIFN Requests and Concerns

- Bruce C Project:
 - MSIFN requested CNSC to alert them about comment opportunities, as they do not regularly check the registry.
 - Interest in Saugeen Ojibwe Nation's position on the impact assessment.

Action: CNSC to notify Bruce C lead that MSIFN has requested to be kept informed about the Bruce C project and follow up directly with MSIFN to confirm next steps.
- NWMO Engagement:
 - MSIFN noted Anishinabek Nation and Chiefs of Ontario passed resolutions related to transportation and waste burial.
 - MSIFN seeks clarity on roles, capacity funding, and bilateral agreements similar to those with CNL and Cameco.
 - Concern about repackaging and transportation of used nuclear fuel through treaty areas.
 - MSIFN requested CNSC to alert them about comment opportunities, similar to the request for Bruce C.

Action: CNSC to notify NWMO lead that MSIFN has requested to be kept informed about the NWMO project and follow up directly with MSIFN to confirm next steps.

- REGDOC-3.2.2:
 - CNSC will post the draft REGDOC-3.2.2 for public comment, currently planned for December 2025.

Action: CNSC to provide an update on the timing of the REGDOC-3.2.2 public comment period once available.

- Nuclear Security Regulations:
 - MSIFN expressed interest in nuclear power generating stations private security transitioning to peace officers.
 - MSIFN asked CNSC staff to provide a status update on the update of the Nuclear Security Regulations, noting they provided comments on the Bill C-21 discussion paper.
- Emergency Management and Preparedness:
 - CNSC curious to know what areas of emergency and preparedness Scugog would be interested in working together
 - MSIFN noted they are currently collaborating with PNERP to develop emergency protocols specific to MSIFN. MSIFN noted they'll bring CNSC in when it's appropriate and would like to understand how the CNSC interfaces with the Province when it comes to emergency management.
 - CNSC committed to keeping the topic of emergency management within the "items for additional discussion" in the 2026 workplan.

Other topics for interest and more discussion

- Waste management and transportation remain priorities
- IEMP sampling
 - MSIFN confirmed interest to carry over in 2026. CNSC committed to keeping this information in the 2026 workplan and updating the sites that will be sampled when those are finalized with the sampling team.

Highlights from 2025

- Collaboration on IEMP sampling at Pickering.
- Review of sampling plans for Pickering and Chalk River.
- February 21, 2025, meeting with CNSC/NRCan/Justice Canada/ 4 Michi Saagiig Nations on implementation of UNDA and it's Action Plan.
- July 22, 2025, Listening Tour meeting with CNSC and all Michi Saagiig Nations, hosted by AFN. MSIFN noted they appreciated the Listening Tour.

- November 18, 2025, meeting with CNSC/Michi Saagiig Nations to discuss a Consultation FrameworkBWXT Environmental Protection Review Report (EPRR) – MSIFN did not submit comments due to workload; Curve Lake First Nation did.

Funding

- CNSC Staff provided an overview of funding for 2025.
- Closed out and complete funding:
 - Stream 3 - Host joint meeting on implementation of UNDA and the Action Plan with CNSC, NRCan, Justice Canada and Michi Saagiig
 - Stream 3 - Workplan Support 2024
 - PowWow 2025
 - Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Additional Funding
 - Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Licence Renewal
 - Pickering Waste Management Facility
- Active and in-progress funding:
 - Stream 2 - REGDOC-3.2.2, Indigenous Engagement
 - Stream 3 - Workplan Activities 2025 (this will be a retroactive payment)
 - Stream 1 - Internal Resource Support
 - Pickering Licence Renewal Hearing
 - RORs for 2024 Calendar Year
- CNSC staff noted they anticipate an application for Stream 3 - Workplan Activities 2026 and emphasized:
 - Draft 2026 work plan must be prepared before budgeting. CNSC staff will draft a 2026 workplan and share it with MSIFN for their review.
 - Avoid retroactive funding; aim to secure funding before activities occur.
 - Exceptions were made this fiscal year, but future approvals will require prior planning.
 - CNSC staff recommended submitting stream 3 application for the 2026 workplan by January/February 2026.
 - Active funding mean agreements have been signed vs In Progress means the applications are currently under review by the Funding Review Committee.
 - Key activities for Stream 3 - Workplan Activities 2026 application:
 - Hosting meetings.
 - Regular monthly meetings.
 - IEMP sampling at three sites.
 - Staff noted these will be identified in the 2026 workplan that will be sent to MSIFN for review and comment.

MSIFN to share priorities related to CNSC's regulatory activities

Many priorities were mentioned in the Consultation Framework Meeting on November 18:

- Clarity on UNDRIP and FPIC: MSIFN still does not fully understand how these principles are being applied to each regulatory application.
- Legal Support: There are ongoing concerns about the amount of funding provided by the CNSC for legal resources, which MSIFN indicated are critical for participation in regulatory hearings—especially for the upcoming Pickering hearings.
- Collaboration: MSIFN values continued cooperation and appreciates CNSC staff attending meetings in person.
- Collective Objective for 2026: Develop a consultation framework that addresses the approach to consent. This will require legal resources and agreement on core principles to ensure leadership across nations is comfortable with the process.
- Positive Process Improvements: MSIFN acknowledged significant improvements in hearing logistics, such as:
 - Room layout that fosters real dialogue with Commission members.
 - Availability of coffee and food for participants.
 - Inclusion of ceremony as part of hearings.
 - These changes were described as important milestones for creating a respectful and inclusive environment for Indigenous nations.

Strengthening the CNSC-MSIFN Relationship

- Collective objective for 2026: develop a consultation framework and define consent.
- Continue collaboration on emergency preparedness and Indigenous knowledge initiatives.
- MSIFN appreciated CNSC's responsiveness and proactive communication.

Next Steps and Action Items

- **Next Meeting:**
 - Tentatively scheduled for December 17
 - MSIFN confirmed it is still in their calendar and suggested the meeting could focus on the 2026 work plan.

Action: MSIFN to confirm with CNSC whether to proceed with the December 17 meeting.

- **Funding Discussion:**
 - CNSC (ICED lead) acknowledged concerns raised in previous meetings regarding funding processes.
 - The funding team is reviewing options to address these concerns within current capacity

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	CNSC to notify Bruce C lead that MSIFN has requested to be kept informed about the Bruce C project and follow up directly with MSIFN to confirm next steps. (Complete)
CNSC	CNSC to notify NWMO lead that MSIFN has requested to be kept informed about the NWMO project and follow up directly with MSIFN to confirm next steps. (Complete)
CNSC	Follow up with MSIFN regarding any updates on the shifting of timelines for the Pickering hearings and share information as soon as staff have more details. (Complete)
CNSC	CNSC to provide an update on the timing of the REGDOC-3.2.2 public comment period once available.
CNSC	Investigate details of the Port Hope Area Initiative Arsenic Cleanup Criteria application and update the 2026 workplan as needed.
CNSC	Provide draft 2026 work plan to MSIFN by mid-December. Include IEMP sampling sites (Completed; the 2026 workplan was shared December 2 nd)
MSIFN	MSIFN to submit a ISCF Stream 3 funding application for 2026 activities (April 2026 to March 2027) by January/February 2026.
CNSC	Address concerns raised about funding processes and explore improvements within current capacity.
MSIFN	Confirm whether the December 17 meeting will proceed and communicate decision to CNSC. (Completed)

Appendix A:

[Annual TOR Meeting Details](#)

Facilities and Ongoing Operations:

- Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (DNGS) and Waste Management Facility (DWMF)
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP): Licence to Construct
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Waste Management Facility (PWMF)
- Port Hope Project (Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) and Port Granby Project)
- Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Facility (Port Hope)
- Cameco Port Hope Conversion Facility
- BWXT Facilities in Toronto and Peterborough
- Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL): Chalk River Laboratories
- CNL: Near Surface Disposal Facility – Licence to Construct

Current CNSC regulatory processes/applications received:

- CNL: Nuclear Power Demonstration Closure Project –Environmental Assessment and Decommissioning Waste Facility Licence Amendment (received May 2016)

- CNSC Regulatory Oversight Reports (ROR) of primary interest to MSIFN: Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) sites, Uranium and Nuclear Substance Processing Facilities (UNSPF), Nuclear Power Generating Sites (NPGS)
 - RORs will be available online after November 28, 2025
 - Interventions due January 28, 2026
 - The ROR meetings are scheduled for the week of March 23, 2026.
 - Notice of hearing
- PNGS: Application to renew OPG's Power Reactor Operating Licence, Refurbishment and Decommissioning (received June 2025)
 - Part 1: April, 2026
 - Part 2: June 2026
 - Interventions due May 11, 2026
 - Notice of hearing
- Port Hope Conversion Facility – Application for licence renewal, received November 2026

Anticipated CNSC regulatory processes (applications not received)

- DNNP: Amendment to the Licence to Construct licence to construct a waste storage facility (Q1 2026)
- DNNP: Application for a Licence to Operate the first BWRX-300 Unit (Q1 2026)
- DNNP: Application for a Licence to Construct additional BWRX-300 Units 2-4 (Q4 2026)
- PHAI: Arsenic Clean-up criteria – Licence Amendment Application

Integrated Impact Assessments, conducted by IAAC and CNSC:

- OPG's Wesleyville New Nuclear Project (Q4 2025 IPD submission)
- Bruce C Project – MSIFN has noted they will be an intervenor

2025 Highlights:

- IEMP Sampling: Pickering, May, 2025
- February 21, 2025, meeting with CNSC/NRC/Justice Canada/ 4 Michi Saagiig Nations on implementation of UNDA and it's Action Plan.
- July 22, 2025, Listening Tour meeting with CNSC and all Michi Saagiig Nations, hosted by AFN. November 18, 2025, meeting with CNSC/Michi Saagiig Nations to discuss a Consultation Framework.
- Darlington Nuclear Generating Station – Application to renew OPG's Power Reactor Operating Licence and working together on the Licence Condition

Next Steps:

- CNSC Staff to send a draft 2026 Workplan
- MSIFN to submit a ISCF Stream 3 funding application for 2026 activities by Jan-Feb 2026.

Curve Lake First Nation and CNSC staff monthly meeting

November 28, 2025

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	Curve Lake Attendees
Ian Lindsay, ICED Stéphanie Bédard, ICED Jamie Bogden, ICED Rebecca D’Onofrio, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division	Francis Chua, Francis Chua Consulting Kayla Wright, Francis Chua Consulting Paige Williams, Consultation Manager Lily Boggs, Consultation Energy Lead

Agenda:

- OPG PNGS & PWF Application: Continued Consultation Discussion / Working Planning:
 - Approach to Consultation
 - Concerns about the project / any aspects of the project you wish to learn more about
 - Any specific mitigations measures or approaches to addressing concerns that you would like to explore further
 - Any impacts on rights or interests? Any preferred approach(es) to assessing impacts and discussing potential mitigation or accommodations measures
 - Any specific consultation activities or approaches you would like to take
 - How might Curve Lake First Nation like to incorporate Indigenous Knowledge, Laws, Culture, and Free, Prior and Informed Consent process into the assessment and Commission proceedings
- Turtle Island Indigenous Science Conference (University of Waterloo) – May 24-26, 2026:
[Turtle Island Indigenous Science Conference 2026 | University of Waterloo](#)
 - CNSC’s Laboratory Services seeking to collaborate and present with Curve Lake First Nation on past manoomin (wild rice) sampling
 - Abstract due January 18
- CNSC Participant Funding available: BWXT NEC mid-term update on Peterborough and Toronto facilities (May 2026)
[Participant funding for the BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada Inc. mid-term update](#)
 - Applications due January 23
- Reminder: ISCF ToR and Workplan application for 2026
 - IEMP 2026 schedule to be shared very soon
- Combining Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation meetings
 - End-of-year meeting in December?

- Any further updates from Curve Lake First Nation and CNSC staff

Meeting Notes

Pickering NGS Renewal and Refurbishment: Continued Discussion / Working Planning:

Timeline Concerns:

- CNSC staff will request a 3-month extension for Part 1 and Part 2 hearings; not yet confirmed by Commission.
- Registry requires an official letter; decision expected in 2–3 weeks, possibly before holidays, but not guaranteed.
- Given the timeline concerns raised in previous meetings, CNSC suggest to Nations send a separate letter directly to Registry with their request for more time. CLFN said they plan to do so but stressed to make sure that no decision is made before they can send the letter.
- CLFN noted 3 months may not be enough; any longer timeline may conflict with OPG's project schedule.
 - CNSC specified license expires in 2028; project starts Jan 2027.
- Port Hope overlap: Registry is aware that Pickering and Port Hope hearings may overlap but cannot push Port Hope back. Registry requested concerns from Indigenous Nations and communities be provided through an official letter.
- Participation in Hearings:
 - Nations ask if CNSC knows degree of participation allowed in Part 1 hearing. Nations want equal status to the various agencies and CNSC as a decision maker, not just intervenor roles.
 - Long-term vision: Nation-to-nation approach, active involvement in Part 1 and 2, not just passive observation How can hearing become more conversational?
 - CNSC will explore options with Registry and funding team to support attendance and meaningful participation for Pickering.

Funding Concerns:

- CNSC Participant Funding deemed inadequate by CLFN; reduced from original request.
- Nations plan to hold off signing contribution agreements and send a letter requesting reconsideration.
- Additional participation from Nations in Part 1, or providing closing remarks would add to the workload predicted for this project and require more funding.

CNSC noted there are internal caps due to increased demand for funding but that CNSC staff are open to revisit and provide opportunities to discuss with the CNSC funding team directly should there be further activities not currently planned for and funded.

- Accommodation Discussions

- OPG cited archaeological surveys and shoreline restoration as accommodations.
- CLFN emphasized these should become standard practice, not considered accommodations.
- True accommodation: align restoration projects with community priorities, not just regulatory requirements (e.g., DFO).
- Other examples: flexibility in scheduling, expanded participation, third-party review of decommissioning plan.
- Future vision: incorporate ceremony and cultural practices as standard, not as accommodations.

Next Steps:

- CNSC to draft a work plan for Pickering project and share with Nations.
- Nations requested a regulatory Gantt chart showing EA history (pre-2000 to present) and commitments carried forward.
- Consider CNSC walkthrough of application with Nations in 2026.

Turtle Island Indigenous Science Conference (University of Waterloo) – May 24-26, 2026:

- CNSC Laboratory Services proposes joint presentation with Curve Lake on manoomin sampling.
- Abstract due January 18, 2026.
- Curve Lake agreed; will involve Culture Department, knowledge holders, and harvesters.
- Presentation concept: side-by-side methodologies or integrated perspectives.

CNSC Participant Funding : BWXT NEC mid-term update on Peterborough and Toronto facilities (May 2026)

- Hearing expected May 2026.
- Applications due January 23, 2026.
- CLFN asked what mid-term review will include; CNSC to provide details.
- CLFN plans to apply for funding for Part 2 of Pickering as well.

Reminder: ISCF ToR and Workplan application for 2026

- Reminder to submit workplan for 2026 to at least have rough estimates
- IEMP 2026: Schedule to be shared soon; CNSC meeting with IEMP early December

Next meeting and planning

- CNSC open to merging Curve Lake and Hiawatha meetings should that help HFN and CLFN with scheduling and capacity. Agreed by CLFN

- Next meeting: December 18, 2025.
- CLFN requested CNSC Pickering representative at December meeting.

Curve Lake Community Updates

- Water tower construction ongoing; lettering being painted.
- Santa Claus Parade: December 14.
- Staff Christmas party: December 18.
- Aquaponics facility: recent visit from CNL; shared lettuce (spring mix and romaine) and edible flowers.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	Draft and share Pickering workplan - COMPLETE
CNSC	Develop regulatory Gantt chart and visual timeline (pre-2000 to present)
CNSC	Explore application walkthrough with Nations
CNSC	Coordinate with funding team for additional support- COMPLETE
CNSC	Share details on BWXT mid-term review and IEMP schedule- COMPLETE
CNSC and CLFN	Co-draft abstract for Turtle Island Conference by January 18
CLFN	Prepare letter to Registry supporting hearing extension- COMPLETE
CLFN	Prepare a letter to Registry on Port Hope overlap concerns- COMPLETE
CLFN	ISCF workplan for 2026

Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation – CNSC staff monthly meeting

January 15, 2026

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	First Nation Attendees
Jamie Bogden, ICED Stéphanie Bédard, ICED Rebecca D’Onofrio, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division David Szonyi, IEMP	Curve Lake First Nation Paige Williams, Consultation Manager Lily Boggs, Consultation Energy Lead Hiawatha First Nation Tamara Whitby, Energy Lead Tom Cowie, Consultation / Lands and Resources Mike Howard, Consultation / Lands and Resources Francis Chua, Francis Chua Consulting Kayla Wright, Francis Chua Consulting

**These draft meeting minutes are subject to review and feedback from Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) and Hiawatha First Nation (HFN). The agenda has been updated to reflect both scheduled and additional discussion topics raised during the meeting. **

Agenda:

- Presentation and discussion of CNSC’s Independent Environmental Program (IEMP) and the upcoming IEMP Sampling Campaign, and
- Continue our discussions on OPG’s PNGS and PWMF application.

Meeting Notes

IEMP Presentation and Discussion

CNSC presented an overview of the CNSC's Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP), including its objectives, sampling approach, opportunities for Nation participation, and key considerations for the 2026 sampling campaigns. The presentation covered CNSC's regulatory mandate, the purpose of IEMP in building trust through independent, accessible environmental sampling, and a summary of sampling campaigns relevant to Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nation.

Key points included:

- Sampling plans for 2026 will be shared with the Nations by mid-February for input and collaboration, along with guidance on how to propose sampling locations and species.
- CNSC clarified that Nations do not need to provide scientific justification for proposing sampling species. Community relevance is sufficient; the main constraint is the total number of samples possible in a season (due to lab capacity).
- CLFN and HFN requested updated and more representative photos for IEMP Power point presentation, including images featuring current Nation participants, if possible. CNSC staff have enclosed photos from more recent IEMP campaigns for CLFN & HFN approval.
- Nations asked for more clarity on the analytical reference for Menomin since they don't understand how Menomin can be compared to spinach and it is difficult to explain to community members.
 - CNSC committed to seeking clarification from the laboratory. CNSC do have a screening level for wild rice based on wild rice consumption rates.
- Nations shared preliminary lists of culturally important species identified at Wesleyville (e.g., wild strawberry, bergamot, red raspberries, bloodroot) and expressed interest in developing similar lists for other sites. CNSC will include placeholders and past sampling lists in the 2026 plans to support this work.

Consultation on OPG's current Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Waste Management Facility Application

1) Funding adequacy & cover letter (Contribution Agreement)

- Context & position: CLFN and HFN will sign back the contribution agreement related to the Pickering licensing file under protest (i.e., while maintaining that the level of capacity funding is inadequate for the complexity of the file and to

meaningfully support CNSC processes). The Nations want to avoid the perception that acceptance of funding equals agreement that funding is sufficient.

- Planned wording: The Nations intend to add a paragraph along the lines of:
Given recent correspondence, we understand CNSC has maximized available capacity for the Pickering licence renewal. The Nations will sign the agreement; however, our position remains that funding is inadequate for the complexity of this file and to fully, properly support CNSC processes. We sign under duress and request that this be considered in future Crown determinations.
- **Follow-up:** Jamie will inform the Funding team of the Nations' concerns and the planned approach before submission-up
- CNSC staff commit to including this concern in the PNGS specific Issues and Concerns tracker to be developed with HFN and CLFN

2) Licence Hearing — request to extend timelines

- Nations' view on the 3-month extension:
 - CLFN/HFN emphasized they would not have purposely asked for a 3-month extension because 3 months does not enable them to complete the work they would need; if it were their choice, they would have sought a year or two, which is not practical given the 2027 licence expiry constraints. They do not want to be portrayed publicly as the party asking for the 3-month extension
 - CNSC rationale: CNSC staff requested the extension to create some additional time for consultation after hearing the Nations' concerns surrounding PNGS & PWMF project timelines. CNSC staff acknowledge the 3 month shift was not directly requested by the Michi Saagiig First Nations but instead was proactively requested by CNSC staff in response to hearing said concerns. Staff acknowledged OPG's need for a timely decision but sought as much time as possible within process limits.
 - CNSC staff were not able to speak for OPG regarding their thoughts on the extension but indicated that potential increased pressure or a need to modify work planning in regard to shifting the timelines had been communicated by the licensee. Nations may follow up directly with OPG for details. The Nations noted they do not want to stand in OPG's way and want to build a constructive relationship while seeking more systematic accommodation in future processes. Nations mentioned that it's not always to the nation to accommodate.
 - "We are taking the bigger step, and let's work together so that in the future we don't have to keep accommodating these things. Either the system accommodates the Nations, or OPG does something to accommodate the Nations. We're not the only ones giving all the time."

- Once CNSC staff's request to move hearing dates was submitted to the Commission, withdrawing the request was not possible. A working assumption discussed was Part 1 in June/July and Part 2 in Sept/Oct, to be confirmed by the Commission
- Consultation approach will vary depending on whether CLFN/HFN role in Part 1 of the hearing (as virtual observer vs. in person, and whether in person participation is possible.) CNSC said staff are looking internally at options and will communicate to the Registry Michi Saagiig communities' desire to participate in Part 1 of the hearing; ultimately, the Commission decides how participation occurs.
- Funding: If CNSC can provide additional funding, CLFN/HFN would prefer reallocation to cover shortfalls and the time required to participate in Part 1 (since PFP is sized for minimal/virtual participation).
 - **Follow up:** CNSC to check back on funding needs beyond travel and to confirm whether funding is possible for Part 1 if it does not provide a speaking role.
- CNSC highlighted an opportunity to collaborate with the Nations on preparing an Issues and Concerns Tables that would be included in the Indigenous Consultation Report submitted by CNSC staff ahead of the PNGS and PWMF hearing (Part 1) as well as the Rights Impact Assessment ahead of Part 2. Collaboration on this would help to ensure concerns are accurately understood and characterized by staff in their submission to the Commission.
- CNSC explained that they can:
 - Communicate internally and with OPG to convey that additional time is always beneficial to promote Nations' meaningful participation.
 - Encourage all parties to think more strategically about how future licensing processes could better accommodate the Nations' needs.
 - Nations commented that given the amount of engagement and consultation activities at both working and leadership level CNSC, HFN and CLFN wanted to undertake, shifting Part 1 to June, made sense and would help to ensure they have sufficient time to present materials to their communities beforehand: community level and leadership level engagement needs considered,
- Deep Water Intake – Key Issue
 - HFN and CLFN emphasized that deepwater intake remains a major concern for OPG's application. They are hoping to obtain additional data from OPG on fish entrainment and impingement, as well as more information on thermal plumes as the review progresses.

- The Nations commented that the current engagement strategy document they reviewed (as provided for this licensing process) is workable but does not adequately reflect the Michi Saagiig worldview.
- They emphasized that the current approach to Nuclear Licensing is not aligned with Indigenous governance or decision making processes, and therefore needs meaningful adjustment moving forward
- Nations described ongoing discussions with OPG on conducting an informal “impact assessment light” over the next 5–10 years of the licence.
- This approach would include additional monitoring and data collection during the licence term to help the Nations prepare for future regulatory steps, including transitions toward decommissioning once nuclear operations end.
- This process is meant to help Nations catch up on information gaps left by earlier environmental assessments they were not involved in.

- Decommissioning
 - Nations asked where the requirement to define a decommissioning “end state” comes from (referenced in regulatory/CSA materials) and whether that requirement is fixed or flexible at this stage, given that the end state is not yet finalized.
 - CNSC explanation: The regulatory framework expects OPG to plan for decommissioning throughout the lifecycle of a facility, with updates every five years. This includes assumptions pertaining to the end-state.
 - Action: CNSC (Jamie/Dan) committed to look into the “end state” references/expectations and report back with clearer guidance at a future meeting.

- Workplan
 - CNSC is working with CLFN and HFN to develop individual workplans outlining potential activities, the purpose of each licensing step, and what both sides aim to achieve throughout the process.
 - CNSC and the Nations agreed that separate workplans will be developed for CLFN and HFN, with shared components where appropriate but also clear distinctions to reflect community specific needs and priorities.
 - This will help ensure clear, tailored, expectations, coordination, and alignment on next steps across the licensing timeline

- Leadership meeting
 - CNSC proposed holding a leadership level meeting to address recent miscommunications and improve coordination.

- Michi Saagigg First Nations leadership is already scheduled to meet OPG in late January 2026, though winter weather may affect the date. Because of this, a CNSC–Nations leadership meeting may be better held in February or March 2026, depending on how the OPG meeting goes.
- Nations discussed planning community engagement sessions, including:
 - Nuclear 101 or general information sessions to prepare their communities; possibly April–May 2026.
 - CLFN noted that a CNSC only community session could put CNSC in a difficult position; they prefer delivering community sessions themselves first, and involving CNSC later when the community is ready. -only community session
 - HFN may begin with a presentation to Chief & Council before moving to a community session.
 - CNSC to invite DFO in February meeting

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item	Status
CNSC-IEMP team	follow up with the CNSC laboratory regarding reference vegetation comparisons (e.g., spinach vs. manomin).	Complete
CNSC-IEMP team	to send draft 2026 IEMP sampling plans and accompanying guidance to CLFN and HFN by mid February.	Complete
CLFN and HFN	to compile culturally important species lists for targeted sites (BWXT, Darlington, Port Hope).	
CNSC	to inform CNSC funding team of Nation concerns regarding PNGS funding.	Complete
CNSC	February meeting: Discussion with DFO on their process.	Complete
CNSC	Add hearing timeline concerns to the contact log for tracking and future reference timeline concerns to the contact log for tracking and future reference-timeline concerns to the contact log for tracking and future reference	

CNSC	CNSC to complete internal discussions on possible participation options for CLFN and HFN at Part 1 of the Pickering hearing and update the Nations in early 2026. Commission will ultimately make the final decision on how the Nations may participate.	
CNSC	To look to Plan leadership level meetings: in late February/early March 2026	
CNSC	Develop revised workplans for CLFN and HFN separately, reflecting each Nation's unique needs and priorities.	

AFN and CNSC Meeting

January 27, 2026

(Virtual, MS Teams)

<u>CNSC Attendees</u>	<u>AFN Attendees</u>
Keely McCavitt, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard, ICED Rebecca D’Onofrio, ICED Jamie Bogden, ICED David Szonyi, IEMP Anne Laplante, Senior Policy Officer, Indigenous Stakeholder Capacity Fund Program Administrator	Julie Kapyrka, Consultation manager Stephanie Zilinski, Special Projects Consultant Matthew Olsen, Consultation Project Engagement Coordinator

Agenda

- 2026 Independent Environmental Monitoring Program – David Szonyi
- Pickering: Application for Authorization to Refurbish the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Renew its Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Waste Management Facility licences – Jamie Bogden
- DNNP and applications anticipated for Feb/March 2026 – Keely McCavitt
- Next Steps

Meeting Notes

1) Opening / Agenda Alignment –

- Keely opened the meeting, noting she was covering for Emily and would provide the agenda and follow up with Emily upon her return.
- AFN indicated they had not responded to the agenda because they understood this meeting would focus on discussing an additional funding stream (beyond the funding already received), including developing a Terms of Reference and workplan, and then integrating agenda items into that workplan.
- CNSC acknowledged the mismatch in expectations and recognized this could be frustrating, and that CNSC would do its best to address funding questions during the meeting. CNSC was able to bring in Anne Laplante from the funding team, to join the meeting.

2) Funding Discussion (ISCF / Stream 3 + retroactivity and clarifications) - (Not on the planned agenda)

- AFN asked whether retroactive funding could cover earlier engagement meetings (such as those in September and later in 2025) that took place before Stream 3 funding was in place. They inquired if these meetings could be captured as a retroactive request within the Stream 3 Terms of Reference and Workplan activities funding application.
- CNSC Funding clarified that retroactive activities cannot extend too far into the past. However, they noted that more recent meetings (such as those held later in the year) could be included in their workplan activity funding request. This remains subject to the important condition that funding must generally be approved **before** activities take place.
- Funding clarified that, given the circumstances, those recent past meetings could be included in the request. However, they emphasized that the overarching principle remains unchanged: funding must be approved and in place **before** activities are undertaken.
- AFN stated they had not yet had substantive back-and-forth with Emily on the workplan content; they had received templates and had preliminary discussions, but expected this meeting to finalize the ToR/workplan and proceed to the application.
 - CNSC acknowledged the need for additional discussion before submission, noting that in the future CNSC and AFN should align on the workplan activities for the year before an application is submitted.

- CNSC noted that if retroactive funding is possible, a short delay is less concerning and indicated CNSC could provide support for the meeting as well; she also noted Emily would be back on February 2.
- CNSC Funding offered to review a draft application package once AFN has completed the ToR/workplan, and to flag missing elements or activities that may need to be funded under a different stream.
- AFN asked why the ISCF Stream 1 contribution agreement maxed at \$180k when AFN understood the maximum was \$200k (a \$20k difference).
- Funding explained there were many ISCF Stream 1 requests, and the review committee had to make reductions within a fixed budget to fund as many requests as possible; some items may also have been better aligned with ISCF Stream 3. Overall, the approach allowed most requests to be funded, but amounts were reduced by 10%.
- AFN suggested it would help if letters more clearly explained how decisions are made;
 - Funding indicated the funding decision email included a note about a reduction and the rationale under the table.
- At close, AFN requested that CNSC respond in writing regarding funding questions;
 - **Action:** CNSC committed to touch base with funding and respond. This action was fulfilled by Michael Coy on Jan 27th2026

3) Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) — CNSC update

- IEMP team provided a short overview:
 - IEMP stands for the Independent Environmental Monitoring Program.
 - CNSC develops sampling plans and sends them to Indigenous Nations/communities for review and feedback to incorporate community interests/traditional knowledge.
 - Sampling plans would be ready in a couple of weeks and shared for AFN review.
 - Four campaigns were noted, with three emphasized as good for participation: BWXT/PWC Peterborough, Port Hope Conversion Facility & Chemical Fuel Manufacturing, and Darlington. David noted the Port Hope Area Initiative is generally not ideal for participation due to access constraints and short duration.
- AFN requested a brief explanation of IEMP for newer participants; IEMP team provided it and committed to sending an introductory presentation.
- AFN indicated they would likely be interested in participating in the campaigns discussed.

4) Pickering — Hearing schedule, duty to consult, and documentation of concerns

- CNSC advised that the CNSC Registry posted the Notice of Hearing and that the Pickering hearing timeline was pushed back by three months:
 - Part 1: June
 - Part 2: In the week of October 5, 2026
- Part 2 Location: expected in the vicinity of Pickering, but the facility was not yet confirmed
- **Action:** CNSC committed to sending AFN the revised Notice of Hearing
- AFN asked whether additional funding allocations could be made to address funding deficiencies experienced by the Michi Saagiig First Nations in their participation in the review of OPG's application and hearing.
 - CNSC noted they could not speak on behalf of the CNSC funding team but proposed using a project-specific workplan to identify activities and workload changes, which could support further discussion with the funding team if additional activities or increased effort arise.
- CNSC confirmed receiving correspondence indicating all Michi Saagiig First Nations felt more funding was needed; no "second opportunity" was posted at that time, but CNSC agreed to continue the conversation.
- CNSC reiterated they heard and documented AFN's concern that Pickering funding is insufficient.
- AFN asked whether CNSC had definitively confirmed that the Duty to Consult and accommodate applies for Pickering, referencing prior correspondence indicating it "most likely" would.
 - CNSC explained: The Commission makes the final determination on whether the duty was triggered and whether it was met, informed by staff submissions and interventions.
 - CNSC staff make an early preliminary determination based on the application and discussions with Nations, and continue to refine it as more is learned about potential impacts to rights.
 - CNSC staff are proceeding with the understanding that the Duty to Consult is likely engaged. As such, REGDOC-3.2.2 is being applied, and participant funding has been provided on that basis.
 - The preliminary Duty to Consult determination may be updated throughout the licensing process as CNSC are made aware of any new potential impacts to rights; the fact the Commission is final decision-maker does not change how CNSC is proceeding (consultation continues).
- AFN concern:
 - AFN stated feeling the process is "backwards," emphasizing the duty should be understood when the Crown contemplates a decision that could impact rights—not after hearings and interventions are already done.

- AFN identified Pickering as a major undertaking (refurbishment/decommissioning) involving high-level waste, and tied concerns to UNDRIP and FPIC, including waste storage on Indigenous territories and that the facility is located on “unceded lakebed” since it was built partially on infill.
- CNSC acknowledged AFN’s concern and reiterated CNSC staff are consulting on the Pickering project, and will proceed throughout the review process to operate under the understanding the Duty to Consult is likely triggered; she stated CNSC goes before the Commission at the hearing stage to present its analysis and work conducted with Nations.
- AFN asked if CNSC could recommend that Duty-to-Consult determinations occur sooner;
 - CNSC responded that their approach is consistent with broader Crown decision-making, referencing that other departments (e.g., IAAC) also make final decisions at the end, while staff-level assessments occur earlier.
- AFN asked when REGDOC 3.2.2-related materials/funding would be distributed (noting they were previously told November and it is now end of January).
 - CNSC stated distribution had been delayed, and that the funding team would send notifications soon and offer a portion of funding early as CNSC understands Nations may have made plans relying on that funding.

In response to CNSC request for clarity on impacts to rights, AFN reiterated key concerns:

- AFN expressed that the proposed DWI poses clear risks to constitutionally protected rights associated with water, fishing, and the broader aquatic ecosystem. Julie stated that the DWI would “affect water, habitat, fish, and aquatics.”
- They stressed that both the existing facility and proposed new works sit on infill placed over “an unceded lakebed”. AFN stated that this context engages considerations of FPIC, noting that “that didn’t happen” in relation to historical development.
- AFN expressed concern about the handling of “massive amounts of high-level waste” associated with the project. They also raised concern that nuclear waste is being stored directly on the shores of the Great Lakes—the largest freshwater system on the world. Nation stated that placing nuclear waste on Indigenous territories engages UNDRIP and FPIC considerations

CNSC mentioned the proposed project specific issues and concerns tracker (e.g., Excel) to:

- capture concerns as they arise,
- confirm CNSC’s understanding/characterization with AFN,
- ensure follow-up answers are tracked,

- and ensure concerns are accurately reflected in CNSC staff's Commission Member Document (CMD) for the hearing.
- AFN supported starting the tracker.
- CNSC explained that CMD would likely include:
 - consultation activities conducted with Nations,
 - issues and concerns raised, and the work done to accommodate/mitigate concerns; They also raised the possibility of conducting a rights impact assessment to better understand potential impacts to right and bring that work forward to inform the Commission decision.
- AFN raised concern about Nations not being part of Part 1 and asked whether CNSC would speak about Nations during Part 1 if they were not present.
 - CNSC agreed this was a valid concern and stated:
 - Even though CNSC staff's CMD, which contains information on Consultation activities to date and issues and concerns raised by Nations thus far, is to be submitted ahead of Part 1, all matters pertaining to Impacts to Rights, Issues and concerns raised by Nations and all other Consultation will only be discussed in Part 2.
 - Said Consultation and engagement conversation are scheduled for Part 2 by design, to avoid speaking about Nations without Nations present.
 - CNSC asked whether AFN had thoughts on a Pickering-specific workplan (or had reviewed the workplan sent).
 - AFN stated: Workplan needs to be brought back to AFN's internal group because AFN is aligned with the other three Nations; AFN expected the workplan to be collective across Nations and will get back to CNSC.
- On leadership meeting:
 - CNSC explained the intended purpose of the leadership meeting was to clear up any miscommunications, addressing "telephone tag" issues, and potentially including OPG for part of the discussion to ensure aligned understand of the activities proposed in the application and their potential impacts..
 - AFN suggested a working-level meeting first (all four Nations + CNSC + OPG) so staff who sit at the table regularly are aligned before going to leadership.
 - CNSC stated they were open to having a tri-partied working level meeting and asked AFN to confirm after their internal Friday meeting.
 - CNSC added that CNSC leadership also proposed a leadership meeting to ensure alignment as Consultation proceeds, but acknowledged the value of a working-level alignment meeting as well.
 - AFN clarified they had initially understood the leadership meeting to mean Alderville Chief and Council; she acknowledged leadership-to-leadership makes sense.
 - CNSC leadership participants identified:

- Colin Moses (Vice-President and Chief Communications Officer)
- Adam Levine (Director)
- CNSC clarified the President cannot participate due to their role as a Commission decision-maker.
- AFN asked whether the Registrar (“Candace”) could participate;
 - **Action:** CNSC agreed to reach out and confirm.

5) DNNP (LTC Amendment) — anticipated application and AFN request re: in-person hearing

- CNSC stated they had not received the DNNP applications yet; last information suggested submissions in February/March, and CNSC would update AFN and other Nations once received.
- AFN made a formal request (for the record):
 - AFN seeks CNSC support for an in-person hearing for the amendment.
 - AFN referenced the January 2024 hearing where waste was raised but considered out of scope, with expectation that the amendment hearing would address waste.
 - AFN stated waste (production + storage on site) is a major concern and requested the ability to present and intervene in person.
 - AFN asked whether CNSC could provide a support letter (analogous to requesting hearing date changes) to advance the request.
 - AFN requested a robust rationale if the hearing is not in person, connecting the waste issue to UNDRIP and FPIC.
- **Action:** CNSC committed to bring the request back, consult colleagues working on the file, and follow up regarding feasibility of a letter and CNSC’s position.

Actions

Responsible Party	Action
CNSC	Brief Emily upon return and ensure follow-up meeting/discussion occurs to finalize Stream 3 workplan activities as needed.
CNSC- ICED	Follow up with Funding team and make sure they answer AFN (Matthew’s email) on funding questions
CNSC-IEMP	Send IEMP intro deck and share draft sampling plans (around mid-Feb)
CNSC-ICED	Email AFN the revised Pickering Notice of Hearing and location details when confirmed

CNSC-ICED	Create and circulate Pickering Issue and Concerns tracker for AFN review
AFN	Provide feedback after internal meeting regarding whether a collective workplan (all four Nations) will be pursued and whether to proceed with a working-level alignment meeting first.
CNSC-ICED	Explore and propose format for a working-level alignment meeting (all 4 Nations + CNSC + OPG) prior to leadership meeting; coordinate once AFN confirms.
CNSC-ICED	Reach out to Registry to confirm whether Registrar (Candace) can participate in leadership discussions
CNSC-ICED	Raise AFN request for in-person DNNP amendment hearing with DNNP colleagues and follow up on feasibility of CNSC support/letter and CNSC position.
CNSC-ICED	Update AFN when DNNP amendment application is received (anticipated Feb/March).

CNSC–MSIFN Monthly Meeting

February 4, 2026 at 2pm

Virtual via MS teams

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN
• Emily Janzen, Senior Policy Officer, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) • Stephanie Bédard, Policy Officer, ICED • Jamie Bogden, Policy Officer, ICED • Doug Wylie, Team Lead, ICED (first 30 minutes) • David Szonyi, IEMP • Pete Peters, IEMP • Melissa Fabian Mendoza, ERAD • Daniel MacDonald, PRPD	• Don Richardson, President and CEO, Minogi • Sam Shrubsole, Impact Assessment Team Lead, Minogi • Finn Komai, Ecology Project Coordinator, Minogi

Agenda

- Introducing our New Team lead, Doug Wylie, replacing Rebecca D’Onofrio who’s on Maternity leave
- 2026 Independent Environmental Monitoring Program
- Pickering
- DNNP and applications anticipated for Feb/March 2026
- Funding past March 2026
- Need to reschedule the February 25 meeting

Meeting Notes

Introductions & Updates (ICED Team Lead)

- CNSC introduced, Doug Wylie as the new Ontario Team Lead, covering for Rebecca D’Onofrio (maternity leave).

IEMP 2026 Program Overview

- Presentation by: David Szonyi & Pete Peters
- CNSC described the IEMP program and longstanding collaboration with MSIFN on traditional plant/medicine sampling.
- 2026 Sampling Campaigns of Interest
 - BWXT Peterborough: Good access; many sampling locations; MSIFN formerly participated (2024).
 - Port Hope Conversion Facility + Cameco Fuel Manufacturing: Combined campaign; strong participation opportunity; green spaces available; MSIFN formerly participated (2024).
 - Darlington: Excellent engagement potential due to parklands and sampling diversity.
 - Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI): Not ideal for in-person participation due to restricted access; short campaign (2 days).
- IEMP sampling plans to be sent mid–late February for MSIFN review.

Pickering (PNGS)

- CNSC informed MSIFN on revised Hearing Schedule
 - Part 1: June 23, 2026 — Ottawa / virtual option
 - Part 2: October 5, 2026 — Ajax
- Duty to Consult (DTC) – Clarification Issues
 - MSIFN noted that OPG appears unaware of CNSC staff’s preliminary DTC analysis. MSIFN stated that unless OPG receives clear regulatory direction, they are unlikely to adjust their engagement practices to consult analysis. MSIFN stated that unless OPG receives clear regulatory direction, they are unlikely to adjust their engagement practices.
 - CNSC confirmed that written instructions to OPG are being prepared.
- Leadership Meeting Proposal
 - CNSC proposed a leadership-level meeting in early March (tentatively March 10).

- Purpose: address any miscommunication, clarify assumptions, and include OPG for a portion.
- MSIFN supported the idea but prefers inclusion of all Mississauga Nations to maintain alignment.
- MSIFN flagged March Break scheduling considerations.
- Workplan
 - MSIFN is preparing a substantially different response to CNSC's proposed workplan.
 - Their draft is ~75% complete; requires leadership review; CNSC should be expected in 7–10 days.
 - MSIFN has not yet had the opportunity to discuss the CNSC's letter with the other Michi Saagiig Nations, nor do they know whether the others received similar correspondence or how they intend to respond.
 - CNSC confirmed that the other Nations received the letter. If they wish to discuss internally first and provide CNSC with a response afterward, that is fine.
 - Nations emphasized that the regulatory timelines are extremely tight. Given the extensive workload associated with the Pickering file—combined with other ongoing obligations, they expressed concern about how they will realistically address all required components within the current schedule.
- Deep water intake (DWI)
 - MSIFN: Significant concerns about:
 - Impingement/entrainment data gaps
 - Lack of modelling to substantiate claims of reduced fish impacts
 - New information suggesting the shallow intake may remain as contingency
 - CNSC/DFO context:
 - OPG to begin Fisheries Act Authorization process this month.
 - CNSC sending letter urging OPG to submit request to DFO before month end.
 - Daniel to verify details related to shallow intake contingency, as this contradicts prior understanding.
 - Spoils Management
 - MSIFN requires baseline contamination profile for sediments/silt vs bedrock to determine appropriate disposal pathways.
 - Decisions needed soon due to OPG's project timelines.
- Decommissioning Scope
 - MSIFN asked whether decommissioning could be removed from the current application to avoid jeopardizing refurbishment.

- CNSC answer: Application scope is determined by OPG, not CNSC. Commission could choose to postpone the decommissioning determination. CNSC indicated that once their Commission Member Document (CMD) is further developed, they will be able to discuss in more detail how staff are approaching the decommissioning portion of the application. According to CNSC, OPG's submission is structured such that the activities proposed for the next approximately 10 years—primarily the stabilization and storage with surveillance of Units 1–4—are being presented as part of a “detailed decommissioning plan,” even though these activities are largely limited to preparing the units for long term safe storage with surveillance of Units 1–4—are being presented as part of a “detailed decommissioning plan,” even though these activities are largely long term safe storage with surveillance of Units 1–4—are being presented as part of a “detailed decommissioning plan,” even though these activities are largely long term safe storage with surveillance of Units 1–4—are being presented as part of a “detailed decommissioning plan,” even though these activities are largely long term safe storage with surveillance of Units 1–4—are being presented as part of a “detailed decommissioning plan,” even though these activities are largely long term safe storage with surveillance of Units 1–4—are being presented as part of a “detailed decommissioning plan,” even though these activities are largely long term safe storage
- MSIFN noted that there is no consistent approach to engagement and consultation across the various components of OPG’s refurbishment and decommissioning application.
 - At the stronger end of the spectrum, some project teams (e.g., certain refurbishment teams) demonstrate solid engagement and responsiveness.
 - At the weaker end, the decommissioning team was identified as a significant challenge, with major information gaps and limited engagement.
- MSIFN highlighted that several core planning assumptions underlying OPG’s proposed decommissioning approach have not been brought to Nations for consultation, including:
 - Assumed end state / end use of the site after decommissioning
 - OPG’s assumption of a very long decommissioning timeline (spanning multiple decades).
 - Lack of engagement on whether a shorter decommissioning process and earlier repurposing of the lands for productive use may be more appropriate.

These assumptions are considered foundational and will significantly influence all future decisions; MSIFN expressed concern that accepting these assumptions now will make them difficult to revisit later.

- CNSC asked MSIFN what specific issues they would want CNSC to raise with OPG. MSIFN identified two overarching priorities:
 - A meaningful, collaborative decommissioning process – identified as the highest priority.
 - Collaborative decision making for all forms of waste management related to both refurbishment and decommissioning (given the significant volumes of waste expected).
MSIFN emphasized that current processes fall short of collaborative decision making on both fronts. Making for all forms of waste management related to both refurbishment and decommissioning (given the significant volumes of waste expected). Making on both fronts.
- CNSC to develop an Issues & Concerns Tracker as a shared tool.
 - MSIFN plans to route this through Arcadis (their consultants).
- Need for Articulation of Impacts
 - CNSC requested MSIFN provide their assessment of potential project impacts to inform CNSC's CMD and analysis.
 - CNSC staff suggestion to hold a separate Pickering-focused working level meeting.

Funding

- CNSC reminded MSIFN that an updated 2026 Stream 3 funding application for FY2026/2027 workplan activities needs to be submitted this month to avoid retroactive payments.
- MSIFN expects to submit it within 2 weeks (before next meeting).
- Jamie also flagged the Pickering-related funding agreement, which MSIFN confirmed is being prepared for return with a note.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

- CNSC briefly noted that there has been no significant movement on the DNNP file. The group agreed it could be added as a quick update item at the next monthly meeting if needed.

Rescheduling February 25 Meeting

- MSIFN supported rescheduling due to a community meeting & onsite visit at Cameco.
- Agreed new date: March 3, 2026, at 11:00 AM (1-hour meeting).
- Agenda to include Pickering, Funding, PHCF/Cameco, and quick DNNP update.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	Send clear written instructions to OPG confirming CNSC staff's preliminary duty to consult analysis regarding the Pickering application and expected adjustment to OPG's engagement approach; copy MSIFN.
CNSC	Provide proposed date/time for Leadership Meeting (aim early March).
CNSC	Create an Issues & Concerns Tracker specific to the Pickering application and send it to MSIFN for their review and awareness.
CNSC	Send IEMP sampling plans mid-late Feb for review (COMPLETED)
CNSC	Send letter urging OPG to contact DFO for FAA (deep water intake). (COMPLETED)
CNSC	Verify shallow intake contingency details with OPG.
CNSC	To look into holding a separate Pickering-focused working level meeting.
MSIFN	Provide CNSC with MSIFN's workplan for engagement and consultation on the Pickering application. CNSC should expect the workplan in 7–10 days.
MSIFN	Provide their assessment of potential project impacts to inform CNSC's CMD and analysis.
MSIFN	Submit FY2026/2027 funding application (Stream 3).
MSIFN	Return Pickering funding agreement with note.

Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation – CNSC staff monthly meeting

February 19, 2026

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	First Nation Attendees	DFO
Jamie Melanson, Indigenous Consultation Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard, Indigenous Consultation Engagement Division (ICED) Daniel MacDonald, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division	Curve Lake First Nation Paige Williams, Consultation Manager Lily Boggs, Consultation Energy Lead Hiawatha First Nation Tamara Whitby, Energy Lead Francis Chua, Francis Chua Consulting Kayla Wright, Francis Chua Consulting	Elyjah Schimmens

** These draft meeting minutes are subject to review and feedback from Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) and Hiawatha First Nation (HFN). The agenda has been updated to reflect both scheduled and additional discussion topics raised during the meeting.**

Agenda:

- **Consultation Discussion on OPG’s Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) Application for Licence Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) review process for the DWI**
- **Terms of Reference (TOR) Workplan Activities for 2026**
- **Leadership meeting planning**
- **Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) – Check interest for our Project Lead (Erin Cotnam-Bent) and Project Officer (Mike Jones) to join at the next meeting**

Meeting Notes

- CNSC asked whether Nations had additional agenda items to add
- Nations requested a check-in on the BWXT mid-term review
- Purpose is three-way communication and information-sharing rather than raising immediate concerns
- Mention of a presentation in Waterloo (anticipated May)
- Agreement that BWXT should become a recurring agenda item

PNGS Deep Water Intake (DWI); DFO

- DFO will review the PNGS Deep Water Intake refurbishment under:
 - Fisheries Act
 - Species at Risk Act
- DFO has received preliminary project information only
- No fulsome Fisheries Act authorization package yet
- Because of this:
 - DFO cannot formally determine whether proposed offsets will meet requirements
- DFO is available to:
 - Participate in discussions
 - Explain anticipated impacts and process steps
 - Answer procedural questions
- Nations confirmed OPG is proposing subsurface tunnel boring
- Question raised: how does DFO evaluate surface vs. subsurface impacts
 - DFO response:
 - Based on Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) experience
 - Assessment focuses on:
 - Lakebed footprint of the intake
 - Modifications to the PNGS forebay
 - Anticipated physical alterations to the forebay area due to switch from surface draw to DWI
 - CNSC confirmed:
 - OPG is not changing the discharge channel
- Nations raised primary vs. secondary offset approach

- DFO asked whether CLFN/HFN would consider one large offset that:
 - Meets DFO Fisheries Act requirements
 - Serves as a primary offset
- Nations responded:
 - Yes, if it is large enough
 - Size can only be determined through a proper territorial scan / Indigenous Knowledge study
 - Community-led offsets are often difficult to size appropriately
- Nations emphasized need for binding mechanisms:
 - Desire to embed commitments in:
 - DFO authorization
 - CNSC Licence Condition Handbook
 - So accountability remains even if personnel change

Leadership meeting (March 10) planning:

- CNSC asked whether Nations were still open to a leadership meeting and if March 10 worked
- Nations confirmed meeting is intended to include all four Michi Saagiig communities
- CNSC confirmed date held with CNSC VP (Colin)
- CNSC open to coordinating OPG participation for a portion, if Nations desire
- Nations noted:
 - Many leadership meetings underway
- **Actions:**
 - CNSC to resend leadership meeting email
 - CNSC to resend email to Chief Hockaday and include Francis
 - HFN to confirm availability following meeting with Chief Carr
- Agenda item for leadership meeting in top of mind:
 - Listening tour outcomes.
 - Recent correspondence.
 - UNDRIP, UNDA, FPIC.
 - Funding & Funding Framework
 - TOR status
 - Hearing Intervention & participation flexibility

- Nations raised question of attending Part 1 hearings in person and in what capacity
 - Nations acknowledged effort involved but supported:
 - Incremental improvements
 - Possibility to explore short community overview presentations provided to the Commission, when CNSC staff and licensee present their first presentation.

Action: CNSC to explore whether Registry staff could attend leadership meeting (at least virtually)

TOR and 2026 Workplan:

- CNSC and Nations reviewed the draft 2026 Terms of Reference (TOR) annual workplans, including upcoming activities, funding applications, hearings, community engagement activities, and conference participation. Nations provided edits and identified administrative updates required before finalization.
- Nations to return workplans with comments; items in red may be deleted if unclear
- BWXT applications submitted separately by CLFN and HFN due to different relationship stages
- Agreement to:
 - Use CLFN PNGS workplan as the base for HFN workplan for 2026
 - Allow divergence in future years as Nation leads take ownership

Next steps, sequencing & closing

Sampling Plan

- **Action:** CNSC to send the 2026 sampling plan to CLFN and HFN
- Nations to review and advise which components are of interest and provide feedback

PHCF

- Nations expressed interest in having the PHCF team attend a future meeting

- Nations noted there are currently more pressing topics, but are open to PHCF joining the next meeting, space permitting
- **Action:** CNSC to invite the PHCF Project Officer and ICED Project Lead to the next meeting

Next Steps

- Nations have scheduled Nuclear 101 sessions for March and April
- Sequencing is important: Nations plan to bring IAAC to community first, with CNSC engagement to follow at a later stage
- HFN is hosting a kick-off meeting this evening for the *Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg-led Impact Assessment for the Wesleyville project* Nations expressed interest in having CNSC project leads attend a future meeting, if space allows on the agenda

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	Recurring agenda for future meeting: PNGS, BWXT, PHCF (COMPLETED)
CNSC	Send IEMP sampling for 2026 (COMPLETED FEB 19)
CNSC	Invite BWXT, PHCF and Wesleyville lead for next meeting in March (COMPLETED MARCH 19)
Nations	Share edited TOR workplan with CNSC (COMPLETED) received Feb 19

AFN and CNSC Meeting

February 24, 2026

(Virtual, MS Teams)

<u>CNSC Attendees</u>	<u>AFN Attendees</u>
Emily Janzen, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard, ICED Michael Coy, Funding Anne Laplante, Funding Daniel MacDonald, Erin Cotnam-Bent, ICED Mike Jones, Senior Project Officer, Nuclear Processing Facilities Division (NPFd)	Julie Kapyrka, Consultation manager Stephanie Zilinski, Special Projects Consultant Matthew Olsen, Consultation Project Engagement Coordinator

Agenda

- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station: Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning – review the PNGS consultation plan (attached) sent over by Adam Levine on December 24th, 2025
- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) licence renewal application
- DNNP and applications anticipated
 - Request for in-person hearing for DNNP LTC amendment
- If needed: touch base on funding

Meeting Notes

Introduction

- Stephanie Z.'s last meeting; retirement. Matthew Olsen will be taking over Stephanie's tasks.

PNGS (Renewal, Refurbishment & Decommissioning)

- Consultation work plan: CNSC sent a draft December 24, 2025.
 - AFN just printed it and has not yet been reviewed.
 - AFN flagged that sending such an important document on Christmas Eve was poor timing and asked that future important materials be sent outside holiday periods.
 - CNSC acknowledged and will relay the feedback.
- Leadership meeting (target March 10):
 - CNSC still waiting on confirmation from other nations.
 - AFN provided availability for that date; but now uncertainty with the Chiefs' calendars since AFN said they didn't hear back from CNSC.
 - CNSC to follow up internally and get back to AFN ASAP.
- Technical note: CNSC (Dan MacDonald)
 - Not much update since last meeting
 - Noted interest from other Nations regarding the deep-water intake OPG is proposing; CNSC intends to integrate this into the licensing basis, likely via a licence condition, details still being worked out.

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) – Licence Renewal

- CNSC mentioned about the email sent before the Holiday on PHCF and the official Notification letter that went out recently.
- Scope: Cameco seeks to renew its operating licence (no change to activities/production limits). Current 10-year licence expires in February 2027; Cameco is seeking 20 years.
- Key dates & format:
 - Public hearing: Nov 3–5, 2026; hybrid, in-person portion in Port Hope.
 - Participant Funding Program (PFP) deadline: March 23, 2026.
 - CNSC staff recommendations shared after: August 5, 2026; CNSC is planning a webinar after this date and will share more information as it's available.
 - Requests to Intervene due to Registry by: October 5, 2026 (oral and written interventions).
- Engagement with Cameco: AFN has not met Cameco yet and is seeking to build that relationship; anticipates outreach given the hearing.

DNNP

- Two OPG applications expected in March 2026:
 - Mid-March: OPG is expected to submit an Amendment to the existing Licence to Construct (LTC) — to construct a waste storage facility for low/intermediate-level waste.
 - By the end of March: OPG is expected to submit a Licence to Operate (LTO) for the first BWRX-300 unit (SMR) at Darlington.
- Nations' advance review: AFN confirmed that OPG shared the draft applications with the Michi Saagiig Nations for comment and has asked for feedback by mid-February. AFN submitted LTO comments and is currently awaiting OPG dispositions. AFN noted they have not reviewed the draft LTC Amendment application yet.
- CNSC notifications: Once applications are received, CNSC will notify Nations that OPG has submitted an application via official letters to each Nation.
- Indigenous Engagement Report (IER): AFN noted OPG shared their IER and record of engagement. AFN noted that OPG recorded engagement back to June 2023 and included all dealings on waste management and the waste management table meeting they have on a regular basis. AFN does not agree that this should be considered engagement specifically on the application and building a waste facility. CNSC staff noted that OPG is required to submit an IER with both DNNP applications anticipated in March 2026. CNSC will review the information submitted and would like to continue conversations on this topic once CNSC staff is able to view the information. AFN offered to share their feedback on the IER and CNSC staff said they'd like to see it if possible.

DNNP LTC Amendment – Hearing Format & Related Requests

- Hearing format concern: AFN expressed dissatisfaction with the process for the license to construct amendment, particularly regarding the proposed in-writing hearing format and lack of opportunity for in-person engagement.
 - CNSC clarified no decision has been made on the format of the hearing and that Nations' preference for in-person has been communicated to Registry and CNSC staff involved in the DNNP, and all additional requests will continue to be relayed.
- Written request: AFN asked if a written request to Registry would help;
 - CNSC Staff advised that AFN's position would be strengthened by submitting their request for an in-person hearing in writing directly to the CNSC Registry and welcomed further official communication from the nations on this matter.
- OPG letter of support: AFN requested that CNSC invite OPG to provide a written statement supporting an in-person hearing for the amendment, referencing a precedent where OPG was previously invited to submit a letter for PNGS. CNSC agreed to discuss this internally

and update AFN on the outcome. CNSC staff noted that the outcome and contents of the letter would be OPG's prerogative.

AFN Rights & Interests – Key Considerations Raised (DNNP)

- AFN outlined high-level concerns linked to potential impacts to rights related to waste and SMR operations, including:

Impacts to Rights and Access to Lands

- AFN emphasized the need to understand how the project may affect rights-based activities, including harvesting, hunting, fishing, and access to culturally sensitive lands.
- They noted historical lack of consultation during the original DNGS siting, resulting in long-standing loss of access to culturally important areas along the north shore of Lake Ontario.
- Concerns were raised about ongoing impacts on fish in Lake Ontario, including thermal plume effects.

Waste Storage on Treaty Territory

- AFN expressed concerns about the continued storage of nuclear waste on treaty lands along the Lake Ontario shoreline, particularly in the absence of a confirmed deep geological repository (DGR).
- They questioned the long-term capacity of the Darlington site to store waste if DGR timelines remain uncertain.

Transportation of Waste

- A major issue is the lack of information about transportation routes for waste destined for a future DGR.
- AFN stressed that route information is necessary to assess impacts to rights, especially where routes may intersect harvesting areas, medicines, manoomin beds, or other Nations' territories.
- They noted that this information is often treated as classified, which limits their ability to evaluate impacts.

Long-Term Risks

- AFN highlighted concerns about the extremely long-lived nature of high-level waste toxicity, noting that impacts must be considered over thousands of generations, not just seven.

- They questioned the feasibility of DGR containment, including issues of rock permeability and potential groundwater and surface water contamination.

Enriched Uranium and Security

- AFN raised concerns about the handling, security, and long-term implications of enriched uranium, noting limited available information on its risks within the Canadian context.

CNSC reiterated the intent to:

- Continue dialogue on impacts to rights and reflect these in CNSC reporting, and
- Develop a tailored consultation work plan for the two DNNP applications (building from the PNGS template) and seek AFN feedback.

Funding

- Draft applications: The CNSC Funding team prepared draft funding applications under Stream 3 for Terms of Reference & Workplan activities and an IT equipment grant request; to be sent to AFN for review.
- What's included: Prompts for potential IEMP participation costs, annual in-person leadership meeting costs, and other activities; meeting count increased from 12 to 14 to cover 2025 sessions within a 2026 framing.
- AFN asked if funding can support non-project-specific legal advice (duty to consult, UNDRIP).
 - Funding stated AFN already had that in their original funding application for TOR — ~36 hours (~\$12,000) and it is still included in the current draft.

IEMP (Independent Environmental Monitoring Program)

- 2026 planning underway; draft sampling plans were sent for review.
 - AFN will not plan to comment on the sampling plans but noted their interest in participating in sampling in the Port Hope area.
 - Likely sites/timing: BWXT Peterborough, PHCF (Sep/Oct; directly relevant to renewal), and Darlington. CNSC to confirm dates and logistics.

Next Meeting

- March 31, 2026 (11:00–12:00) — confirmed. One or both DNNP applications may have been submitted by then; agenda to be adjusted accordingly.

Actions

Responsible Party	Action
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CNSC	Follow up with Michi Saagiig Nations (incl. Curve Lake internal staff) on leadership meeting date/hosting (March 10 feasibility; a.m. conflict with MPO noted); propose path forward.
CNSC	Relay AFN feedback on Dec 24 transmission of PNGS plan; avoid holiday sends for critical docs.
CNSC	Review OPG's DNNP IER once submitted and verify its contents on engagement activities with AFN.
AFN	Share comments on OPG's IER with CNSC staff.
CNSC	Regarding inviting OPG to provide a written statement supporting an in-person hearing for the amendment: CNSC to discuss this internally and update AFN on the outcome.
AFN	Submit written request to Registry supporting in-person format for LTC amendment hearing (optional but strengthens record).
CNSC	Share revised funding applications (Stream 3 + IT grant) with AFN.
AFN	AFN to review draft funding applications and add cost details as needed (incl. IEMP participation; leadership meeting costs).

CNSC-MSIFN Monthly Meeting

March 3, 2026 at 11 am

Virtual via MS teams

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN
Emily Janzen, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Jamie Bogden, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Pickering Regulatory Program Division Erin Cotnam-Bent, ICED Mike Jones, Nuclear Processing Facilities Division (NPFD) Valerie Weisflock, NPFD	Don Richardson, President and CEO, Minogi Sam Shrubsole, Impact Assessment Team Lead, Minogi Finn Komai, Ecology Project Coordinator, Minogi

Agenda

- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station: Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning – Jamie/Dan
 - Touch base on the PNGS consultation plan sent over by Adam Levine on December 24th, 2025
- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) project – Erin/Mike/Valerie
 - Notification letter sent to MSIFN on February 13 (attached to the meeting invite)
- DNNP and applications anticipated
- Touch base on funding and 2026 Stream 3 application, if needed
- Next meeting: March 25 – looking to reschedule as it's during the ROR Commission Meetings

Meeting Notes

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) project

- CNSC staff provided an overview of the application and important dates:
 - Cameco's Port Hope Conversion Facility is seeking a 20-year license renewal, with no changes to current activities or production limits.
 - The hearing is scheduled for November 3rd to 5th in a hybrid format, participant funding applications are due March 23rd, the staff CMD will be posted after August 5th, and oral/written interventions are due by October 5th. CNSC staff will be hosting a webinar on the PHCF application following the posting of the staff CMD. Details of the webinar will be shared once confirmed. CNSC staff noted all the details are included in the letter sent to the Nations in February and also attached to the meeting invite.
- MSIFN confirmed their intent to apply for funding and ongoing engagement with Cameco. MSIFN noted that they have a strong relationship with Cameco, are well-versed on the application and are happy with how the engagement has been proceeding so far.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station: Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff confirmed the leadership meeting is scheduled for March 10th, will be held virtually and noted a draft agenda had been shared for review and comment. MSIFN noted some hadn't seen the agenda and **requested CNSC staff send the agenda for their review (action)**.
- CNSC staff noted that they would **send the first draft of the project-specific issues and concerns table, incorporating information from MSIFN's Regulatory Oversight Report intervention, to MSIFN for review (action)**.

Rights Impact Assessments (RIAs)

- CNSC staff raised the idea of collaboratively drafting a RIA for the Pickering hearing. MSIFN explained the limitations due to timelines, the unprecedented nature of the project, and the need for community-led assessments. MSIFN noted they cannot commit to a collaborative process under current constraints.
- CNSC asked whether the Michi Saagiig Nations could provide written narratives on potential rights impacts, even if not a full assessment, alongside disclaimers that information could change. MSIFN noted that it is possible and is something currently being done for the Wesleyville New Nuclear Initial Project Description. MSIFN requested that **CNSC share any examples of RIAs done with the CNSC and specifically any with Saugeen Ojibwe Nation, if available (action)**. CNSC staff shared the following in the Teams chat:
 - For RIAs that were completed for Denison Wheeler River application that were well received by Indigenous Nations, check out **Appendix A** in CNSC's supplemental report: <https://api.cnscccsn.gc.ca/dms/digital-medias/CMD25-H9.D-CNSC-SUB-SUP.pdf/object>

Coordination with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

- MSIFN highlighted the absence of fisheries data as a barrier to assessing impacts on rights, and the regulatory disconnect between DFO's offsetting approach and the needs of rights-holding harvesters.
- CNSC staff offered to facilitate DFO's participation in future meetings to address questions directly, noting that CNSC and DFO are collaborating to streamline Consultation & engagement processes and ensure comprehensive responses.
- CNSC staff noted that OPG is preparing an updated predictive environmental risk assessment (PERA) expected by the end of April, which will address deepwater intake impacts, and that OPG plans to share this with nations before submitting to CNSC and DFO.
- MSIFN requested that OPG incorporate comments from the DNNP PERA across facilities to avoid repetitive reviews, and CNSC staff agreed to flag this expectation to OPG.

Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP)

- CNSC staff confirmed that a water sample will be added at the station requested by MSIFN and clarified that only the Port Hope Conversion Facility and Darlington plans require further review, while the PHAI plan cannot accommodate additional samples.

Funding Applications and Administrative Updates

- CNSC Staff acknowledged MSIFN's funding application submission for ISCF Stream 3 funding for workplan activities on Friday February 27. CNSC staff had looked over the application and noted it looked good and that staff will reach out with any questions.

Next Meeting

- MSIFN and CNSC staff agreed to **move the next meeting on March 25 to April 8, 2:00 – 3:00 PM (action)**, in order to avoid the Regulatory Oversight Report Commission meetings the week of March 23.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

- MSIFN confirmed that OPG has shared both DNNP draft applications with the nations.
- MSIFN reiterated their support for an in-person hearing for the LTC Amendment application, noting some pushback from OPG.
- CNSC staff noted that they'd heard about the pushback from OPG and are planning on following up to see if OPG may consider putting their support, or lack of, for an in-person hearing in writing.
- CNSC staff noted that OPG is welcome to communicate their position regarding these matters to the Registry. CNSC staff also recommended the Nations write to the Registry to communicate their position on the matter and noted that staff have still relayed the Nation's position to DNNP staff and the Registry for their consideration.

REGDOC-3.2.2

- CNSC staff stated that REGDOC-3.2.2 is expected to be released for comment in March, with a lengthy comment period, making it unlikely to be finalized before the Pickering hearing in June.
- CNSC staff noted that the principles of REGDOC-3.2.2 are already being applied in ongoing work with the Nations, particularly in the development of license conditions.

Action Item Summary

Owner	Action Item
CNSC	Re-circulate draft agenda for the March 10 th leadership meeting to MSIFN for their review and comment (completed March 03 rd).
CNSC	Send the first draft of the project-specific issues and concerns table, incorporating information from MSIFN's Regulatory Oversight Report intervention, to MSIFN for review.
MSIFN	Review the circulated March 10 th leadership meeting agenda and provide feedback or suggest additional topics if needed (complete).
CNSC	Invite DFO to the next monthly meeting with MSIFN.
CNSC	Share examples of rights impact assessments done with the CNSC and specifically any with Saugeen Ojibwe Nation.
CNSC	Move the next meeting on March 25 to April 8, 2:00 – 3:00 PM (complete, placeholder sent).

Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation – CNSC staff monthly meeting

March 19, 2026

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	First Nation Attendees
Jamie Bogden, Indigenous Consultation Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard, ICED Doug Wylie, ICED Erin Cotnam-Bent, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division David Szonyi, Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) Sara Butt, Health Science and Environmental Compliance Division (HSECD) Jeffrey Lam, HSECD Henry Zhang, HSECD Mike Jones, Nuclear Processing Facilities Division (NPF) Valerie Weisflock, NPF Maria Yu, Environmental Risk Assessment Division (ERAD)	Curve Lake First Nation Paige Williams, Consultation Manager Lily Boggs, Consultation Energy Lead Hiawatha First Nation Tamara Whitby, Energy Lead Tom Cowie, Consultation / Lands and Resources Mike Howard, Consultation / Lands and Resources Francis Chua, Francis Chua Consulting Kayla Wright, Francis Chua Consulting

** These draft meeting minutes are subject to review and feedback from Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) and Hiawatha First Nation (HFN). The agenda has been updated to reflect both scheduled and additional discussion topics raised during the meeting.**

Agenda:

- ***IEMP feedback***
- ***Project updates and Consultation & Engagement Discussions***
 - BWXT- Midterm
 - Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)
 - Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) Application for Licence Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning
 - Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

Meeting Notes

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- PHCF license renewal seeks a 20-year licence
- No change to activities or production limits
- Hearing planned Nov 3–5, 2026, in Port Hope (hybrid)
- CLFN submitted its Participant Funding Program (PFP) application the morning of the meeting; HFN plans to submit its application imminently
- CLFN and HFN applications are coordinated but not duplicated
- Curve Lake has 4+ years of structured engagement with Cameco
- Hiawatha is re-engaging and building relationship
- Cameco shared pre-application letters; both Nations responded

Action on Nations: to share letters with CNSC

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

- CNSC staff raised that two DNNP applications are expected:
 - Licence to Operate – first BWRX-300 unit (CNSC staff expect OPG to request a 40-year licence term)
 - Licence to Construct – low & intermediate level waste facility
- OPG will delay the waste facility application to 2027
- Licence-to-operate application expected next week
- Neither CLFN nor HFN has reviewed drafts yet
- CNSC will:
 - Notify Nations upon receipt
 - Send formal notification letters
 - Share initial duty-to-consult assessment
- Nations agreed to continue DNNP discussion in monthly meetings

Chalk River

- CLFN and HFN met with CNL regarding the upcoming Chalk River licence renewal.

- Nations emphasized the importance of early access to licence applications before submission to the CNSC.
- Nations requested the opportunity to review and comment on CMDs prior to CNSC submission.
- This approach is modeled on OPG's engagement practice, which supports better sequencing and more meaningful input.
- CLFN and HFN intend for this sequencing approach to be adopted for the Chalk River process.

BWXT midterm

- CNSC raised that CMD for BWTX has been posted (link drop in the chat :[Download meeting documents](#))
- Mid-term hearing: week of May 25, 2026
 - Nation raised conflict for hearing May 25–26
 - Nations asked whether oral interventions can:
 - Be rescheduled to May 27–29
 - Or withdrawn if necessary

Action: CNSC staff will raise scheduling concerns with Registry

Additional updates from CLFN & HFN:

- CLFN and HFN submitted participant funding applications
- CLFN relationship with BWXT ongoing since 2020
- HFN is re-engaging and relationship is still developing
- Facility tour planned for HFN

IEMP Working session- Sampling plan

- **PHAI (Port Hope Area Initiative)**
 - CNSC staff advised that the PHAI IEMP campaign is short (1–2 days) and limited in scope, with scheduling as the main challenge, due to reliance on CNL for boat access.
 - 16 water samples, clustered around:
 - Port Hope Harbour
 - Port Granby area

- Sediment sampling where feasible (rocky areas excluded)
- No air sampling for PHAI (no active air release pathways)
- Nations' input:
 - Importance of sampling stormwater AND receiving streams
 - Knowing what parameters are analyzed and why
- Asked about:
 - Bioavailability of parameters
 - Plant and fish sampling (not included initially)
- CNSC staff responses:
 - Parameters selected for compliance verification
 - Based on known release pathways
 - Fish sampling not done due to capacity and logistical issues

- **Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)/ Cameco Fuel Manufacturing (CFM)**

- The primary exposure pathway for PHCF and CFM is air, therefore, there are five air sampling locations located around PHCF and CFM; uranium is the main analyte.
- Many previous water samples have been removed because they are no longer accessible due to the Port Hope harbour remediation. A limited number of water samples will still be collected to account for:
 - Past harbour releases
 - Training purposes
 - Potential stormwater releases
- Based on Nations' input, sampling in the Ganaraska River was discussed, including:
 - One water reference location
 - One reference location north of the fish ladder where community members commonly fish
 - One exposure location south of the fish ladder where community members commonly fish
- CNSC staff confirmed that:
 - Fish sampling has been conducted at other facilities
 - Fish provided by Indigenous community members can be analyzed for uranium

- CNSC now has the technical capacity to analyze uranium in fish tissue

Actions on HFN: Identify fishing locations and community members willing to provide fish samples. Answer provided during the meeting: Fishing commonly occurs south of the fish ladder on the Ganaraska River

Action CNSC staff (IEMP) to provide instructions on sample handling and required volumes

Action on HFN to share sampling information with community members

Action on CNSC staff (HSECD) to follow up with CNL on harbour remediation status and report back to Nations

- **Peterborough (BWXT-NEC)**

- Sampling timeframe: week of June 22, 2026
- Proposed sampling includes:
 - Air sampling (uranium and beryllium) — 4 samples
 - Water sampling — 2 samples
 - Soil sampling — 9 samples (uranium and beryllium)
 - Food sampling, including wild rice (input requested from Nations)
- A water sample was added in response to issues raised by MSIFN
- Sampling is planned upstream, downstream, east, and west of the facility
- Nations supported wild rice sampling:
 - HFN to identify accessible wild rice sites
 - CLFN confirmed support for continuity
- Overlap was noted between CNSC IEMP sampling and HFN's own monitoring program
- HFN explained its monitoring extends from Little Lake through the Otonabee River, with multiple fish sampling locations, including in Rice Lake

- **Darlington**

- IEMP sampling near Darlington includes locations along the waterfront trail which is in close proximity to the facility, as well as Darlington Provincial Park, west beach, and east beach.
- Sampling activities include:

- Air sampling for radioactive particulates and tritium
- Water sampling for a broad suite of parameters, reflecting a full-power operating facility (radionuclides and hazardous materials)
- Soil and sand sampling
- Vegetation sampling to assess air deposition pathways
- Food sampling from a farm located near the facility
- A question was raised regarding underwater sediment sampling in Lake Ontario. CNSC explained that:
- Underwater sediment sampling is not feasible due to lack of boat access
 - Sand samples are collected instead where accessible
- Nations requested consideration of additional culturally relevant vegetation samples, including:
 - Cedar
 - Sumac
 - Raspberries
 - Apple tree (fruit, where possible)
 - Willow (bark)
 - Rose bush (flowers and hips)
 - Elecampane (leaves)
 - Sampling of algae in Lake Ontario that is accessible via the shoreline
- Sampling timing:
 - Peterborough: week of June 22, 2026
 - Darlington (and PHCF): timing to be confirmed, likely fall 2026 (September–October)

Action CNSC staff: follow up on providing an IEMP lab tour in Ottawa for HFN (fall timeframe preferred)

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS)

- CNSC shared reflections from internal brainstorming CNSC staff would like to work with the Michi Saagiig First Nations to find ways to ensure leadership engagement is fullsome and meaningful while remaining efficient and strategic to not contribute to capacity constraints. CNSC staff proposed holding leadership meetings twice a year, focused on broader, cross-cutting issues rather than project-specific matters.

- HFN noted that while more frequent leadership engagement is welcome, repeated discussions without visible progress have been frustrating for Chiefs and community. Nations acknowledge changes made by CNSC, but emphasized there is still significant work to be done.
- Nations cautioned that more meetings do not automatically lead to progress, stressing that it would be counter-productive to convene Chiefs and CNSC leadership without demonstrable advances at the staff level.
 - CLFN and HFN 2026–2027 Terms of Reference already include one leadership meeting, which was seen as appropriate.
 - They emphasized the need for quarterly staff-level meetings, beyond project-by-project discussions, to advance foundational issues and build momentum.
- CNSC staff noted that leadership involvement can help create traction at key points, but agreed that it must be purpose-driven.
- Nations suggested refining the approach by:
 - Inviting Colin to join monthly or quarterly staff-level discussions;
 - Holding quarterly joint staff meetings across WT-MSFN Nations;
 - Reserving Chiefs' participation for occasions where there is clear progress or concrete outcomes to present.
- Agreed proposed direction:
 - Continue monthly working-level meetings with Nations;
 - Hold quarterly joint staff-level meetings with MSFN Nations and invite CNSC leadership to selected meeting (twice annually) ;
 - Limit Chief-level leadership meetings to approximately twice per year, and only where there are substantive updates to discuss.
- It was also agreed that CNSC leadership visits to CLFN and HFN should be built into the Terms of Reference, with visits occurring on an individual Nation basis.
- This direction is to be discussed at first Forum meeting to ensure input from all the Michi Saagig First Nations is considered.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CLFN and HFN	Share their PHCF pre-application response letters with CNSC.

CNSC staff	Raise availability and scheduling flexibility for BWXT mid-term hearing oral interventions with the Registrar, including possibility of moving Nations' interventions to May 27–29. (COMPLETED)
CNSC staff	Notify Nations when DNNP licence-to-operate application is received (COMPLETED)
HFN	Communicate fish-sampling opportunities and requirements to citizens and community members.
CNSC staff (IEMP)	Provide fish sample handling instructions and required volumes to HFN for PHCF fish sampling. (Complete, sent April 9)
CNSC staff (HSECD)	Follow up with CNL on Port Hope harbor remediation status, including completion, reconnection to Lake Ontario, and monitoring during transition; report back to Nations.
HFN	Identify accessible wild rice locations relevant to BWXT Peterborough sampling.
CNSC staff (IEMP)	Incorporate wild rice sampling for BWXT Peterborough (subject to site confirmation).
CNSC staff (ICED and IEMP)	Follow up on providing an IEMP laboratory tour in Ottawa for HFN, similar to tour previously provided to CLFN.

CNSC-MSIFN Monthly Meeting

April 8, 2026 at 2 pm

Virtual via MS teams

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN	DFO
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Agenda

- BWXT Mid-Term Review
Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Integrated Implementation Plan (IIP)
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS)
 - Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to attend to discuss Deep Water Intake (DWI)

Meeting Notes

- Introductions conducted due to multiple participants and new attendees.

BWXT Mid-Term review

- Hearing schedule on the week of May 25th, intervention deadline next Friday, April 17th
 - MSIFN staff are planning to attend the Nuclear Waste management conference, but likely different folks than those attending the commission meeting
 - CNSC will share exact meeting dates, when available
- MSIFN returned the funding application today
- MSIFN is working on review of the environmental protection report in preparation for their intervention

Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (DNFS) integrated Implementation plan (IIP)

- Hearing will be in Fall 2026 : [Revised Notice of Hearing in Writing OPG Darlington 26H107](#)
 - CNSC Staff CMD submission: April 30, 2026
 - Intervention deadline: June 30, 2026
 - MSIFN request to clarify why OPG change sampling timeline?
 - CNSC answer: OPG request to reduce fish sampling from 2 years to 1 year was not approved by DFO.
 - OPG formally retracted the request; original 2-year plan remains
 - MSIFN requested written confirmation for their record-keeping.
 - CNSC confirmed this information will not appear in CMD due to retraction but will share the information by email to MSIFN.
- Action:** CNSC to email MSIFN confirming sampling outcome.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

- CNSC received OPG License to Operate Application on March 25, 2026.
- CNSC has:
 - Notified all Nations of receipt.
 - Begun internal sufficiency review.
 - Will follow with formal notification letter outlining:
 - Hearing details
 - Funding opportunities
 - Preliminary Duty to Consult analysis.
- CNSC proposed a joint meeting with the four Michi Saagiig Nations to:
 - Discuss consultation approach.
 - Identify potential or realized impacts to rights.
- MSIFN feedback:
 - Key impacts relate to:
 - Aquatic effects (impingement and entrainment).
 - Waste management (not discussed earlier hearing).
 - Interest in collective engagement remains, but workload pressures acknowledged.

- MSIFN noted they would like to see an analysis of alternative means to the waste facilities. They raised concern that applications arrive as “fully baked products,” which they feel limits meaningful consultation.
 - Regulatory hold points (RHPs):
 - DNNP RHP-1 has been removed. CNSC noted that all Nations were notified when OPG applied for removal of the RHP and then again when removal of the RHP was approved by CNSC staff. There are two more RHPs for DNNP LTC.
 - MSIFN noted they learned of removal via CNSC, not directly from OPG.
 - CNSC confirmed obligation rests with CNSC, not OPG, but agreed to raise concerns with OPG that MSIFN would like to be more involved in the RHP process with OPG.
- Action:** CNSC to relay MSIFN concerns to OPG regarding involving MSIFN in RHP progress.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS)- Deep Water Intake (DWI)

- CNSC mentioned they haven’t heard from registry on hearing, but as of now, we will not discussing anything to do with consultation in part 1 and getting all of the information we can have ready for part 1 in our staff CMD and then provide update for Part 2
 - Issue and concern to share with MSIFN for them to have a look and review by May 10
 - MSIFN: will try to see what they can do since would need to Legal and leadership to have a look and make sure they represent well what they want

CNSC Role

- DWI is part of Pickering Refurbishment Application.
- CNSC review focuses on:
 - Plant design and operational impacts.
 - Construction impacts at site (e.g. environment, on the plant itself)
- Most of aquatic environment impacts primarily within DFO authority.

DFO Role

- DFO can speak on how potentially authorizing both construction of the refurb activities.
- For impingement and entrainment of fish through the operation of the near shore intake likely under two authorization (with understanding that there’s an existing operating authorization for Pickering):
 - One Fisheries Act Authorization (FAA) for construction.
 - One FAA for operations (impingement/entrainment).
- Existing Pickering operational FAA expires 2028.
- DFO has not yet received OPG’s application for authorization.

MSIFN Technical Concerns

- Raised concern over:
 - Lack of cumulative effects assessment.
 - Data gaps in:
 - Thermal plume modeling
 - Impingement/entrainment modeling
 - Ecosystem and food-web impacts

- Uncertainty around lakebed disturbance and habitat offsetting.
- Response from DFO and CNSC:
 - Existing impingement data exists.
 - Thermal plume modeling exists but may be updated.
 - OPG is responsible for modeling and data production.
 - Benthic and food-web impacts fall largely outside DFO authorization scope.
- CNSC noted: OPG committed to DWI spoils management plan by August 20, 2026

Issues and concerns tracker for PNGS

- CNSC preparing Issues and Concerns tables (currently ~24 issues).
- Goal:
 - Include a preliminary version in Part 1 Staff CMD.
 - Refine for Part 2 hearing.
- MSIFN requested:
 - Opportunity to review and validate issues before submission.
 - Time for internal review (legal and leadership).
- CNSC proposed May 10, 2026 as tentative review target.
- Significant concern emphasized by MSIFN:
 - Unceded lakebed impacts remain insufficiently addressed
- CNSC acknowledged and committed to continued engagement.

Action: CNSC to send draft Issues & Concerns tables to MSIFN for review.

Next meeting

- Next CNSC–MSIFN monthly meeting: April 22, 2026.

Action Item Summary

Owner	Action Item
CNSC	To provide an Email to MSIFN confirming OPG's retracted IIP sampling request- COMPLETED SENT APRIL 16th, 2026
CNSC	CNSC to relay MSIFN concerns to OPG regarding involving MSIFN in DNNP RHP progress.
CNSC	Share draft PNGS Issues and Concerns tables for MSIFN review- target to get MSIFN comment: May 10, 2026 – COMPLETED SENT APRIL 23
CNSC	Relay MSIFN feedback to OPG on consultation timing and regulatory hold points for DNNP

Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation – CNSC staff monthly meeting

April 16, 2026

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	First Nation Attendees
Jamie Bogden , Indigenous Consultation Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard , ICED Doug Wylie , ICED Jane MacDonald , ICED Daniel MacDonald , Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division Marina Martin , Environmental review division (ERD) Julie Leblanc , Advances Reactor Licensing Division (ARLD) on behalf of Nicole Simons Aurelian Tanase , ARLD Julian Amalraj , Regulatory oversight of BWXT, NE Peterborough and Toronto Valerie Weisflock , supporting Julian BWXT)	Curve Lake First Nation Lily Boggs , Consultation Energy Lead Hiawatha First Nation No HFN representatives were present at this meeting Francis Chua , Francis Chua Consulting Kayla Wright , Francis Chua Consulting

** These draft meeting minutes are subject to review and feedback from Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) and Hiawatha First Nation (HFN). The agenda has been updated to reflect both scheduled and additional discussion topics raised during the meeting. **

Agenda:

Project Updates and Consultation & Engagement Discussions

- BWXT- Midterm
- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) Application for Licence Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)
- Wesleyville New Nuclear Project Impact Assessment Process

Other Items

- Leadership Meeting Follow-up
- Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) Conference Discussion

Meeting Notes

Project Updates

BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada Inc. (BWXT NEC)

- CNSC staff provided an update on the upcoming BWXT mid-term review, hearing preparations, intervention timelines, and staff preparations for the Commission proceeding.
- The Nations advised that intervention submissions for Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation were being finalized and requested that presentations be scheduled consecutively during the hearing.
- CNSC staff provided an overview of BWXT's recent regulatory activities, including updated environmental risk assessments, safety documentation reviews, and ongoing compliance oversight activities.
- CNSC staff highlighted opportunities for Indigenous participation in compliance verification activities and inspections.
- The Nations expressed interest in gaining a better understanding of CNSC inspection processes and participating in future oversight activities.

Action CNSC staff: CNSC staff to follow up with CLFN and HFN regarding opportunities to participate in the BWXT emergency preparedness inspection.

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- CNSC staff noted that several questions and comments regarding PHCF remained outstanding.
- The Nations expressed interest in continuing discussions on PHCF-related matters at a future meeting.

- CNSC staff advised that the appropriate project lead could attend a future meeting to address outstanding items.

Action CNSC staff: Invite the PHCF project lead to a future meeting to discuss outstanding questions and comments.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff provided an update on ongoing PNGS regulatory activities and upcoming engagement opportunities.
- The Nations discussed current priorities and capacity considerations related to review of project materials.
- CNSC staff noted that engagement and consultation activities would continue throughout the regulatory review process.
- The Nations provided an overview of the proposed "Impact Assessment Light" initiative being undertaken with OPG and explained that it is intended to identify and address gaps between previous environmental assessments and current impact assessment expectations, including cumulative effects, rights impacts, Indigenous Knowledge, and long-term stewardship considerations.
- The Nations emphasized the importance of establishing a clear work plan with OPG and corresponding licence condition with the CNSC to support implementation of this approach.
- CNSC staff discussed the ongoing development of Rights Impact Assessments and acknowledged that current approaches continue to evolve through discussions with Nations. CNSC staff committed to sharing draft issues and concerns tables and draft rights impact assessment materials for review and feedback.

Action CNSC Staff: To share Issues and concerns tables with Nations for review and feedback

Action CNSC staff: Draft right impacts assessment for nations review and feedback

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

- CNSC staff provided an update on ongoing DNNP regulatory and engagement activities.
- The Nations noted that competing priorities, including the Wesleyville and PNGS projects, had limited their capacity to advance certain DNNP-related initiatives.
- The Nations expressed concerns regarding cumulative effects assessments, consideration of Indigenous Knowledge, rights impact assessments, and implementation of licence commitments through future licensing phases.
- The Nations emphasized the importance of maintaining continuity between the Licence to Construct and Licence to Operate phases and ensuring commitments made during earlier project stages are carried forward.
- CNSC staff acknowledged the concerns raised and confirmed that discussions would continue through existing engagement activities and future project-specific discussions.

Action CNSC Staff: CNSC staff to share additional information regarding the DNNP Licence to Operate review process, including participant funding opportunities, hearing timelines, and next steps.

Action Nations: The Nations to discuss preferred approaches for collective DNNP engagement and provide feedback to CNSC staff.

Wesleyville New Nuclear Project and Impact Assessment Process

- CNSC staff provided an overview of the integrated impact assessment process for the Wesleyville New Nuclear Project, including the respective roles of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the CNSC.
- CNSC staff explained that the integrated process is intended to satisfy the requirements of both the Impact Assessment Act and the Nuclear Safety and Control Act through a single review process.
- CNSC staff outlined the expected review process, including preparation of the Impact Statement, review by an independent review panel, public participation opportunities, and consideration of a Licence to Prepare Site application.
- The Nations emphasized the importance of maintaining collaborative engagement among Nations, IAAC, CNSC staff, and OPG throughout the assessment process.

- The Nations noted that the collaborative approach used during the Initial Project Description phase helped avoid misunderstandings and supported more effective participation.
- The Nations asked questions regarding the review panel appointment process, the transition from the impact assessment process to CNSC licensing processes, and opportunities for continued dialogue during the review.
- CNSC staff confirmed that mechanisms exist to support coordination between IAAC and CNSC responsibilities and offered additional meetings with IAAC to discuss the process in greater detail.
- The Nations highlighted the need for community-friendly materials that can be used to support community awareness and understanding of the project and regulatory processes.
- CNSC staff indicated they would provide presentation materials and explore additional community-friendly resources.

Action CNSC staff: CNSC staff to share presentation materials and additional information regarding the integrated impact assessment process.

Other Items

Leadership Meeting Follow-up

- CNSC staff advised that leadership meeting notes remain under review and will be shared once finalized.

Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) Conference Discussion

- CNSC staff confirmed that the Ambassador Program includes participation from CNSC senior leadership and offered opportunities for informal discussions with Indigenous leadership during the conference.
- The Nations suggested using existing conference events and receptions as opportunities for informal engagement before considering additional meetings.
- CNSC staff sought feedback on potential engagement opportunities between CNSC senior management and leadership attending the upcoming Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) Conference.

- The Nations noted that Chief Carr would be participating in the CNA Ambassador Program and emphasized the importance of avoiding duplication with existing conference programming.
- CNSC staff confirmed they would verify whether formal meetings with Indigenous leadership were already planned during the conference and coordinate accordingly.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC staff	CNSC staff to follow up with CLFN and HFN regarding opportunities to participate in the BWXT emergency preparedness inspection.
CNSC staff	Invite the PHCF project lead to a future meeting to discuss outstanding questions and comments
CNSC Staff	To share Issues and concerns tables with Nations for review and feedback
CNSC staff	Draft right impacts assessment for nations review and feedback
CNSC Staff	CNSC staff to share additional information regarding the DNNP Licence to Operate review process, including participant funding opportunities, hearing timelines, and next steps.
Nations	The Nations to discuss preferred approaches for collective DNNP engagement and provide feedback to CNSC staff.
CNSC Staff	CNSC staff to share presentation materials and additional information regarding the integrated impact assessment process.

CNSC-MSIFN Monthly Meeting

April 22, 2026 at 11 am

Virtual via MS teams

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN
Emily Janzen, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard, ICED Doug Wylie, ICED Jamie Bogden, ICED Jane MacDonald, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Pickering Regulatory Program Division (PRPD) Patrick Collins, Darlington Regulatory Program Division (DRPD)	Sam Shrubsole, Impact Assessment Team Lead, Minogi Finn Komai, Ecology Project Coordinator, Minogi

Agenda

- BWXT Mid Term Review - Jane
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning - Jamie, Dan
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application - Emily, Nina, Patrick
- MSIFN 2026 Annual Powwow (July 18/19) - Funding and CNSC Attendance
- Next Meeting: May 27

Meeting Notes

BWXT Mid Term Review

- CNSC staff shared preliminary information regarding the BWXT midterm review Commission meeting, which is currently scheduled for May 27th, with a possible extension into May 28th. CNSC staff will circulate the Commission meeting details once the dates are confirmed.
- CNSC confirmed it is reviewing MSIFN's intervention and considering how best to manage and respond to the listed requests
- CNSC noted that, if needed, it can follow up with Finn and Don by email to seek their input, as they were unable to attend the meeting.
- CNSC provided a high-level overview of the decommissioning planning process, noting that preliminary decommissioning plans are lifetime documents updated every five years, while detailed decommissioning plans are working documents submitted one to three years before decommissioning, also updated on five-year cycles, and may require commission hearings depending on scope.
- MSIFN indicated that it would like to be involved in ongoing and final decommissioning planning, noting its previous involvement in decommissioning discussions related to Pickering over the past few years. MSIFN emphasized a desire to be kept informed and more involved in the near term.
- MSIFN noted that, as there is no formal decision expected for the Mid-Term Review, the process functions more as a touch point, and that a written acknowledgement of MSIFN's submission would be helpful.
- CNSC confirmed it will follow up in writing to address the requests, this would be provided toward the end of May or June.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- CNSC staff referenced the previous meeting held on April 8, during which MSIFN outlined initial potential impacts, including impacts to rights, fish impingement, effects on Lake Ontario, and waste management.
- MSIFN reiterated a preference for collective meetings with other Michi Saagiig Nations, while maintaining monthly meetings for Nation-specific discussions as needed. MSIFN noted that its current focus remains primarily on Pickering (PNGS) with Commission hearings approaching in June and October 2026.
- MSIFN indicated a preference for holding a joint DNNP meeting in late August or early fall, as the interventions for Pickering are due at the end of August.
- CNSC staff reiterated that OPG has told staff that a submission of the Licence to Construct (LTC) Amendment application has been delayed to approximately May 2027.
- CNSC staff committed to following up with Michi Saagiig Nations to identify potential dates for a joint meeting and to circle back by email.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC confirmed that a follow-up from Colin Moses, the Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, stemming from the Leadership meeting held on March 10 will be shared shortly.
- CNSC noted that there may be additional joint meetings with Michi Saagiig Nations related to Pickering.
 - MSIFN suggested that, if joint meetings move to a quarterly format, the regular monthly meeting for that month could potentially be cancelled.
 - CNSC confirmed it will bring this feedback forward for discussion with other Nations.
- CNSC advised that the Issues and Concerns Tables for Pickering will be shared shortly, pending one remaining detail.
 - CNSC requested that, once MSIFN receives the tables, MSIFN review and colour-code:
 - items that can be shared with OPG,
 - items that should not be shared with OPG, and
 - items that should or should not be included in the CMD.
 - MSIFN agreed to this approach.
 - CNSC noted that, ideally, the Issues and Concerns Tables could be included for Part 1 of the hearing; however, if timelines are too tight for MSIFN, the information can be included in Part 2.
- CNSC reminded MSIFN of upcoming timelines related to the Indigenous engagement licence condition, noting that:
 - Language similar to what was used for DNGS relicensing will be included,
 - It will be made clear that further consultation and collaboration will occur before Part 2, and this is being communicated now so it is not a surprise.

MSIFN 2026 Annual Powwow (July 18/19) - Funding and CNSC Attendance

- CNSC confirmed that the Powwow funding application has been received and is under review.
- A funding decision is expected within 45 business days.
- Someone from the ICED team will attend; either Jamie, Doug or Jane.

Other topics and next meeting:

- Next meeting remains May 27
- AFN Nuclear Waste Conference May 26–27:
 - CNSC staff will be presenting on transportation.
 - MSIFN confirmed someone from their staff is planning on attending as well.
 - CNSC staff noted they're planning some broader communication around transportation, since it's an important topic for many Nations.
- CNA conference next week — CNSC staff (Adam and Colin) and MSIFN attending; Chief Larocca is presenting.
- IEMP BWXT Peterborough sampling the week of June 22:
 - Finn can attend.

- Same week as Pickering Part 1, which is currently scheduled on June 23. CNSC staff noted they could avoid the June 23 date if needed.
- Sampling requires coordination due to limited capacity/day.

Action Item Summary

Owner	Action Item
CNSC	Follow up with Michi Saagiig Nations to identify potential dates for a joint DNNP meeting.
CNSC	Share the PNGS Issues and Concerns Tables with MSIFN once the remaining detail is finalized. (COMPLETED- sent April 23)
MSIFN	Review the PNGS Issues and Concerns Tables and colour-code items indicating what can be shared with OPG, what should not be shared, and what should or should not be included in the CMD.
CNSC and MSIFN	Coordinate BWXT Peterborough IEMP sampling logistics for the week of June 22 including alignment with other Nations and participant limits.

AFN and CNSC Meeting

April 28, 2026

(Virtual, MS Teams)

CNSC staff Attendees	AFN Attendees
Emily Janzen, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard, ICED Jamie Melancon, ICED Jane MacDonald, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Pickering Regulatory Program Division Patrick Collins, Darlington Regulatory Program Division DNNP Julian Amalraj, Nuclear Processing Facilities Division (NPFDD)	Julie Kapyrka, Consultation manager

Agenda

- BWXT Mid Term Review – Jane and Julian
- Consultation discussion: OPG Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Pickering Waste Management Facility application - Jamie, Daniel
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application - Emily, Patrick
- Touch base on Independent Environmental Monitoring Program sampling – sampling for BWXT Peterborough the week of June 22
- Next Meeting: May 26

Meeting Notes

BWXT Mid Term Review

- CNSC staff confirmed that the BWXT Mid-Term Review Commission hearing is scheduled for May 27–28, 2026, to be held in person in Peterborough, as mandated by the Commission during the 2020 licence renewal.
- CNSC staff noted that the intervention deadline (April 17) has passed and approximately 47 interventions were received (including supportive, neutral, and concerned submissions).
- AFN indicated there has been very limited engagement with BWXT to date, noting:
 - One recent meeting to establish a relationship moving forward,
 - Reliance on sister Nations to intervene for this project,
 - A site visit last year with leadership and staff, which was a positive step.
- AFN expressed interest in becoming more engaged with BWXT going forward.
- CNSC staff confirmed that Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) sampling at BWXT Peterborough is planned for the week of June 22, and invited AFN participation.
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 - AFN noted they'd like IEMP colleagues to attend the next monthly meeting to discuss the IEMP sampling process, prior to sampling in June. **Action: CNSC staff to include IEMP staff in the next monthly meeting to discuss the IEMP sampling process.**
 - CNSC staff noted that the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Part 1 Hearing is scheduled for the same week, and will take place on Tuesday June 23 and noted that they can coordinate AFN's involvement in IEMP sampling to avoid that day so they can attend both, if desired.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff advised that a follow-up email from VP Colin Moses, stemming from the March 10 leadership meeting, should be circulated shortly; AFN confirmed it had not yet received it.
- CNSC staff indicated that the Issues and Concerns Tables are nearing completion and will be shared once final internal review is complete.
- CNSC staff proposed sharing the Issues and Concerns Tables with OPG to request written responses, ensuring all parties have a common understanding of the issues.
- AFN confirmed it is comfortable with this approach, provided it can review the tables first and identify what can or cannot be shared.
- CNSC staff explained that the tables will also support the CMD, and AFN will have the opportunity to confirm comfort with content included.
- CNSC staff noted that, looking ahead to the Part 2 hearing in October 2026, staff would like the opportunity to revisit the consultation plan previously shared in December 2025.
- CNSC Staff also mentioned the collaborative drafting of the Rights Impact Assessments (RIAs)
 - CNSC staff asked for guidance on AFN's desired approach to drafting the RIA.

- It was proposed that CNSC staff prepare a first draft for review due to capacity considerations.
 - AFN agreed with this approach, noting that the other Michi Saagiig Nations have agreed to that approach as well
- AFN indicated that its preparations and submissions related to Pickering are on track.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- CNSC staff provided an overview of the Licence to Operate (LTO) application for one SMR and a waste storage structure, confirming that the application was received from OPG on March 25, 2026.
- CNSC staff indicated it is currently processing the application to verify it meets the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, and the associated Regulations. This includes an initial completeness check and sufficiency review.
- CNSC staff explained that the LTO application was submitted along with supporting documentation. Additional documentation will be submitted in phases as follows:
 - Package #1: Q1 2026 (the application, received in March 2026)
 - Package #2: Q3 2026
 - Package #3: Q2 2027
 - Package #4: 8 Months before Fuel Load
- CNSC staff confirmed there is no hearing date at this time. OPG has indicated it would like a Commission decision by the first quarter of 2029, however, staff noted this is OPG's request. The Commission Registry will determine the proceeding dates and the record of decision timeline.
- AFN questioned why the CNSC allows construction with incomplete site-specific design data, expressing concern about the iterative process and potential risks.
 - CNSC staff responded that the requirements under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and associated Regulations for construction must be met before the Commission can issue a licence to construct. CNSC staff indicated that it would be more helpful to have licence to construct staff in attendance to explain further; however, OPG submitted information pertaining to the generic design of the power reactor, which was considered sufficient to support the Licence to Construct.
 - For reference, see the DNNP LTC Record of Decision [here](#).
 - An updated, site specific design, that accounts for site characteristics at Darlington (e.g. geology, wind, rain, runoff and so on) is developed to further tailor the design and mitigate site-specific risks.
 - CNSC staff also explained that the Commission imposed measures within the DNNP construction licence, including regulatory hold-points, to ensure that elements of the design are verified to be meet regulatory requirements before construction proceeds in specific areas.
- AFN expressed frustration that the hearing for DNNP LTC Amendment may be only in writing, limiting opportunities for intervention, and questioned the sequencing of applications. AFN also noted that the sequencing of applications for the DNNP LTC Amendment and DNNP LTO applications doesn't make sense.
- CNSC staff acknowledged these concerns, noted that they had received AFN's email asking for clarification on the sequencing of the applications and confirmed that CNSC staff are

working on a written response to ensure clear and official key messages. CNSC staff reiterated that:

- AFN's feedback has been heard regarding ensuring Nations have a chance to have their voices heard in hearing regarding the LTC Amendment application.
- There will not be a hearing for the LTO prior to a hearing for the LTC amendment, and
- OPG has postponed the LTC amendment to approximately May 2027. It's important to note the Commission Registry will set the date of the proceeding, if/when a request for an amendment of the LTC licence is received. The Registry will also determine what kind of proceeding will take place, in writing, in person, local or in Ottawa, 1-part hearing or 2-part hearing, etc.
- AFN expressed concern that, in practice, the project feels like a “done deal”, questioning what would happen if the Commission were to say no, and noting that it seems unlikely given the financial and political investments involved. AFN stated this creates frustration and raises the question of why Nations should invest time and resources in the process.
- CNSC staff provided an example of a past project in which significant investments were made; however, the reactors were never commissioned for full power operation because they did not meet CNSC staff regulatory requirements.
- AFN reported inadequate engagement on the DNNP LTC Amendment application and lack of accommodation measures from OPG from previous stages of DNNP LTC (i.e. those resulting from the Commission's direction in the Record of Decision and Licence Condition 15.4 so far).
- AFN also noted capacity funding expired at the end of March, leaving AFN without resources to meaningfully participate.
- CNSC staff noted that OPG's Indigenous Engagement Report (IER) for DNNP is due May 1.
 - AFN stated that it submitted comments on the draft IER on January 23, and that none of the Nations have received responses to those comments.
 - AFN indicated a desire to share the draft IER and AFN's comments with CNSC staff to ensure CNSC is fully aware of the concerns raised.
 - CNSC staff requested that AFN first confirm with OPG whether it is acceptable to share the draft IER with CNSC staff and noted that CNSC staff can also follow up with OPG regarding sharing comments and the lack of response to AFN's comments.
- AFN stated that, despite holding monthly DNNP meetings with OPG, those meetings have felt unproductive, as none of these critical issues, development of the IER, or specific project applications have appeared on meeting agendas.
- CNSC staff committed to following up with OPG regarding AFN's concerns on accommodation measures, commitments, funding, IER comments and having project-specific discussions, to seek clarity on OPG's position and next steps.

Funding and Administrative Updates

- CNSC staff confirmed receipt of two Stream 3 funding applications (work plan and IT equipment), submitted March 20, with decisions expected within 45 business days.
- CNSC staff raised the option of Powwow funding, noting the need for an application if funding is required in time for July.

- AFN indicated that the application-based process is a barrier and noted that other organizations typically provide Powwow support through direct contributions.
- CNSC committed to sharing this feedback with the funding team.
- AFN provided an update on Terms of Reference (TOR): AFN is finalizing its review with legal counsel and will circle back with comments.
- The May 26 meeting was rescheduled due to CNSC attendance at the Turtle Island Indigenous Science Conference.
 - A new meeting date was confirmed for June 4, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. CNSC staff will update the calendar invite accordingly.

Actions

Responsible Party	Action
CNSC staff	CNSC staff to include IEMP staff in the next monthly meeting to discuss the IEMP sampling process – Completed IEMP team will be in next meeting.
CNSC staff	Finalize and share the PNGS Issues and Concerns Tables with AFN once internal review is complete. - Completed sent May 4, 2026
AFN	Review the PNGS Issues and Concerns Tables and identify items that can be shared with OPG, items that should not be shared, and items that should or should not be included in the CMD.
CNSC staff	Prepare a first draft of the updated PNGS consultation plan (building on the December 24, 2025 version) for AFN review ahead of Part 2 hearing in October 2026.
CNSC staff	Follow up with OPG regarding AFN's concerns on accommodation measures, commitments, funding, IER comments and having project-specific discussions
AFN	Confirm with OPG whether AFN can share the draft IER and AFN's January 23 comments with CNSC.
CNSC staff	Explore having DNNP LTC licensing staff attend a future meeting to explain construction approvals and the iterative licensing process for DNNP.
AFN	Provide comments to CNSC staff on the TOR document.

CNSC-MSIFN Monthly Meeting

May 27, 2026 at 11am

Virtual via MS teams

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN
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Agenda

Project Updates:

- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) - Erin
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- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application - Emily

Other:

- Touchbase on IEMP – June Sampling

Admin Items:

- Touch base on funding
- Next meeting: June 24 – Note: Emily will be on vacation. Can keep as is and get an alternative lead for the meeting or shift to following week (would also avoid BWXT IEMP sampling if that's a concern).

Meeting Notes

Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) – June Sampling

- Proposed sampling date: June 25, 2026 (Peterborough area)
- MSIFN participation:
 - Finn will attend
 - Sam will not attend due to scheduling conflict
- CNSC staff emphasized flexibility in participation:
 - Can attend full day or partial (fieldwork format)
- CNSC staff will follow up with a field briefing package to be shared including:
 - Safety gear requirements, meeting location, briefing
- CNSC proposed joint sampling with Alderville First Nation
 - MSIFN open to joint session and collaboration

Action: CNSC staff to confirm with AFN if joint participation works

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- CNSC check-in on engagement status
- MSIFN confirmed:
 - Regular meetings with Cameco (proponent)
 - No new concerns at this time
- Funding confirmed:
 - MSIFN approved to participate in licence renewal review
- Next steps:
 - MSIFN will begin reviewing application materials
- Webinar Discussion:
 - CNSC considering:
 - Public webinar in August, and
 - Separate Indigenous-only session (Teams format)
 - MSIFN feedback:
 - Open to both options
 - Values having a dedicated space, but wants alignment with other nations

Action- Confirm with other Indigenous nations whether there is interest in holding a dedicated PHCF webinar specifically for Indigenous communities.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- Staff Commission Member Document for Part 1:
 - Now posted publicly
 - Includes initial Indigenous consultation summary
- OPG submission also posted
- Key document components:
 - Summary of issues raised by Indigenous nations
 - Commitment list from OPG (now public)
- Next Phase:
 - Preparation for Part 2 hearing
 - CNSC staff will:
 - Develop issues and concerns tables
 - Draft licence conditions, using OPG commitments as starting point
 - Draft CNSC Rights Impact Assessment
 - MSIFN Response:
 - Acknowledged posting
 - Agreed:

- Commitment list is a useful starting point
- Further consultation needed to strengthen conditions

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- Official notification letter sent which includes:
 - Duty to consult assessment
 - Recognition that:
 - Duty to consult is triggered
 - FPIC (Free, Prior and Informed Consent) applies to Williams Treaties First Nations
 - Letter also outlines: Roles and responsibilities (CNSC, proponent, Registry)
- CNSC staff is planning:
 - Joint meeting with Michi Saagiig Nations (late summer or early September). Staff will be in touch shortly with a poll for dates
 - Draft consultation plan to support engagement
- MSIFN Response:
 - No immediate questions
 - Interested in reviewing implications of FPIC and consultation findings
- CNSC staff continues outreach to other nations (e.g., Chippewa Nations), but MSIFN has been most engaged

Action: Send an email to MSIFN to coordinate potential dates for a joint meeting planned for late summer or early September regarding DNNP LTO.

Others Topics

- Funding
 - Two funding streams under review:
 - 2025–2026 work plan
 - Powwow funding
- Decision expected by mid-June 2026
- Next meeting
 - June 24 meeting rescheduled → July 2, 2026 (1–2 PM)
 - Reason: Scheduling conflicts (IEMP sampling, availability)
 - CNSC staff noted: Emily will be on leave for part of June

Action: Reschedule the June 24 meeting to July 2 at 1:00 PM

Action Item Summary

Owner	Action Item
CNSC staff	Confirm with AFN whether they are available to participate in IEMP sampling alongside MSIFN on June 25, and follow up with the IEMP team. (complete)
CNSC staff (Erin)	Confirm with other Indigenous nations whether there is interest in holding a dedicated PHCF webinar specifically for Indigenous communities. (complete)
CNSC staff	Send an email to MSIFN to coordinate potential dates for a joint meeting planned for late summer or early September regarding DNNP LTO. (complete)
CNSC staff (ICED)	Reschedule the June 24 meeting to July 2 at 1:00 PM (complete)

AFN and CNSC Meeting

June 4, 2026
(Virtual, MS Teams)

CNSC staff Attendees	AFN Attendees
Emily Janzen , Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard , ICED Jamie Melanson , ICED Jenna Joyce , ICED Daniel MacDonald , Pickering Regulatory Program Division (PRPD) Patrick Collins , Darlington Regulatory Program Division (DRPD) DNNP Nina Abonasara , DRPD, DNNP Bartek Rzentkowski , Advanced Reactor Assessment Division Adam Zenobi , Team Leader, Funding Programs David Szonyi , Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP)	Julie Kapyrka , Consultation manager Matthew Olsen , Consultation Project Engagement Coordinator Ceara Das , Energy Coordinator

Agenda

Other:

- Touchbase on IEMP – June Sampling - Pete, Jamie

Project Updates:

- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) - Steph
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) & Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning - Jamie, Dan
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application – Emily, Bartek, Patrick
 - Subject matter experts in attendance to discuss DNNP LTC --> LTO and iterative process

Admin Items:

- TOR
- Touch base on funding
- Next meeting: June 30

Meeting Notes

Term of Reference (TOR)

- AFN requested an update.
- CNSC staff confirmed:

- Draft TOR is currently undergoing internal review
- Will be shared with AFN once finalized for feedback

Funding

Payment Identification Issues

- AFN raised several concerns regarding payment tracking and financial transparency:
 - Significant difficulty identifying CNSC-related deposits due to:
 - Lack of clear identifiers (e.g., department name, code, or reference)
 - Deposits appearing simply as “Government of Canada”
 - High volume of federal funding deposits creates:
 - Administrative burden on AFN finance teams
 - Need to manually reconcile amounts with agreements
- AFN suggested potential solutions:
 - Use of a consistent numeric code or identifier associated with CNSC (e.g., “047”)
 - Inclusion of identifiable markers directly in:
 - Bank deposits
 - Payment descriptions
 - Ability to send notification emails to multiple recipients, not just one
- CNSC staff response:
 - Confirmed that currently:
 - No visible identifier is included in deposits to distinguish CNSC payments
 - A notification email is sent when payments are issued, but it goes to only one designated contact due to system limitations
- CNSC staff committed to the following actions:
 - Confirm who is currently receiving payment notifications
 - Explore whether:
 - A standard code or identifier (e.g., “047”) exists or can be consistently used
 - additional recipients can be added to the notification list
 - more detailed information can accompany payment notifications
 - Continue discussions with internal finance teams to identify practical solutions
 - Report back to AFN with findings and options for improvement

Action: CNSC staff to:

- Confirm who is currently receiving payment notifications
- Explore whether:
 - A standard code or identifier (e.g., “047”) exists or can be consistently used
 - additional recipients can be added to the notification list
 - more detailed information can accompany payment notifications
- Continue discussions with internal finance teams to identify practical solutions
- Report back to AFN with findings and options for improvement

Early Funding – Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

- CNSC staff explained the purpose and structure of early funding:
 - Early funding is being offered to:
 - Support early consultation and engagement activities before hearing-specific funding becomes available.
 - This approach was developed in response to:
 - Feedback from First Nations (including AFN) during the Pickering process
 - Identified gap: lack of funding early in project engagement phases
 - Funding structure:
 - A short application process (approx. 2 pages)
 - Covers engagement activities for the remainder of the fiscal year
 - Will later transition to a separate funding stream for the hearing phase
- AFN confirmed interest in applying for early funding
- CNSC staff Indicated that additional follow-ups were planned beyond the original email and they will send the application form soon

Action: CNSC staff to send the DNNP early funding application form to AFN

Stream 3 Funding (2026 Workplan)

- CNSC staff indicated:
 - Contribution agreement has been completed and sent to AFN
 - Awaiting AFN decision on advance payment
- AFN:
 - Prefer 50% advance, not 75%
 - They will follow up formally with the funding team

Action: AFN to confirm whether they'd like a 50% advance for Stream 3 Funding (2026 Workplan)

Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP)

- CNSC staff invited AFN to participate in upcoming environmental sampling activities as part of the IEMP.
- The proposed date for participation of the IEMP for the BWXT Peterborough site is June 25, 2026, with flexibility if scheduling conflicts arise.
- CNSC staff indicated that:
 - AFN could participate alongside other First Nations (e.g., Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and potentially Hiawatha First Nation) if that's OK with them.
 - An alternative date (June 24) may be possible if needed (alongside CLFN).
- AFN indicated tentative availability for June 25.
 - Final confirmation is pending due to:

- Scheduling considerations (including other fieldwork and meetings occurring the same week, such as Rice Lake sediment work)
- AFN committed to reviewing internal schedules and providing confirmation directly to CNSC staff
- CNSC staff committed to providing additional details in advance of the activity, including:
 - Exact meeting location and time
 - On-site logistics and expected schedule
 - A one-page information document
 - Contact information to facilitate coordination on the day of the visit

Action: AFN to confirm whether June 25 is suitable for participation in the BWXT Peterborough IEMP sampling day.

Action: CNSC staff to send IEMP sampling logistics information.

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- CNSC staff asked AFN whether Cameco had reached out to them regarding the PHCF licence renewal process.
- AFN indicated that Cameco has not directly engaged with them to date regarding the PHCF licence renewal process.
- This lack of engagement is viewed as problematic given that:
 - A licensing decision and hearing process is upcoming
 - Relationship-building should occur early in the consultation process, not late
- AFN noted that:
 - Cameco is already on their list of proponents with whom they intend to build relationships
 - However, capacity constraints and lack of outreach from Cameco have delayed engagement
- AFN expressed concern that:
 - Proceeding toward a hearing without meaningful prior engagement is not appropriate
 - This situation may impact trust and the effectiveness of consultation
- CNSC staff confirmed they will resend the original notification letter to ensure AFN has it readily accessible in their records.

Action: CNSC staff to resend PHCF notification letter

- CNSC Staff Update
 - Hearing expected in Fall 2026
 - A public webinar is being organized for mid-August 2026

- CNSC staff are exploring the possibility of a separate session specifically for Nations for more interactive engagement opportunities (e.g., Teams meetings instead of webinar format)
- AFN expressed strong support for collective discussions involving multiple Nations

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff confirmed that key documentation has been made publicly available, including:
 - CNSC staff submissions (CMD)
 - OPG (proponent) submissions
- Part 1 of the hearing process
 - Focused primarily on technical and regulatory matters
- Part 2 will address consultation and engagement issues, including:
 - Indigenous Nations and communities' concerns
 - Issues and concerns tables being developed collaboratively
 - Interventions
 - CNSC consultation
 - Licensee engagement
- CNSC staff indicated:
 - Efforts are ongoing to integrate input from Nations into Part 2 documentation
 - Further collaboration will be required as that phase progresses
- AFN emphasized:
 - Significant workload pressures across multiple files
 - Limited capacity to review all documentation in detail at this stage
- AFN is preparing a substantive submission (referred to as a “gap analysis” or “IA-lite”):
 - Will outline:
 - Expectations from Nations
 - Identified gaps in the project or engagement process
 - Desired outcomes and conditions
 - Submission will:
 - Be provided to OPG (proponent)
 - Likely also shared with CNSC staff, subject to internal coordination with other Nations
- Expected timeline:
 - End of week or early the following week

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- Licence to Operate (LTO) process underway
- Early funding offered, as outlined in the project notification letter
- Seeking input from Nations on:
 - Duty to consult
 - Accommodation approach
- Joint MSFN meetings proposed to discuss the application and Nation's thoughts on impacts to Rights and any project concerns and issues; CNSC staff will send out a poll shortly to all four Nations asking for their preferences on timing for the meeting.
- CNSC staff provided overview of licensing process:
 - Life-cycle approach:
 - Vendor design review → Site prep → Construction → Operation
 - Use of regulatory hold points during construction
 - Emphasis on:
 - Risk-based regulation
 - Progressive design maturity
 - Clarified:
 - No nuclear material permitted during the construction period
 - Licence applications require more comprehensive technical information and more detailed design specifications at each licensing phase

Joint Forum Meetings with the Michi Saagiig Nations and CNSC

- CNSC staff noted that they are also trying to set up Joint Forum meetings with all four Michi Saagiig Nations to discuss the CNSC's consultation and engagement policies and processes. CNSC staff proposed dates are:
 - July 13, 2026 – Virtual
 - September 11, 2026 – In-person (With RAB VP-Colin)
 - Dec 2026 / Jan 2027 – Virtual leadership session
- AFN will coordinate internally with other Nations before confirming participation

Additional AFN Concerns – Communications

AFN provided important feedback on broader communication practices (raised during funding discussion but applicable across all files)

- Key Issues Identified
 - Important information (e.g., funding opportunities) is sometimes:
 - Embedded within attachments, rather than clearly highlighted
 - Not visible in the email body

- Email subject lines are often:
 - Unclear or generic
 - Not reflective of the email content
- Impacts Identified by AFN
 - Risk that important opportunities may be:
 - Overlooked or missed due to:
 - High volume of emails received daily
 - Use of outdated or misleading subject lines in ongoing email threads
- AFN recommended best practices
 - Clearly highlight key information directly in:
 - Email body text
 - Email subject lines
 - Ensure subject lines accurately reflect current content
 - Reduce reliance on:
 - Attachments for critical information
 - Improve visibility of:
 - Funding opportunities
 - Time-sensitive communications
- AFN also raised concerns about:
 - Emails being sent only to consultants
 - Emphasized requirement that community leadership and internal staff must always be included (CC'd)
 - Communication must involve appropriate decision-makers and representatives
 - Highlighted risk by excluding internal contacts may:
 - Undermine transparency
 - Lead to miscommunication or gaps in awareness
 - AFN made a clear and explicit statement regarding representation:
 - A consultant:
 - Does NOT represent AFN
 - Must not be interpreted by CNSC staff or proponents as speaking on their behalf
 - AFN stressed the importance of engaging directly with Nations and avoiding reliance on third-party consultants as proxies
- CNSC staff acknowledged:
 - This distinction is understood
 - This feedback is helpful and will be more careful in future communications
 - The consultant has also clarified this in prior discussions

Actions

Responsible Party	Action
CNSC- Funding	• Confirm who is currently receiving payment notifications • Explore whether: ○ A standard code or identifier (e.g., “047”) exists or can be consistently used ○ additional recipients can be added to the notification list ○ more detailed information can accompany payment notifications • Continue discussions with internal finance teams to identify practical solutions • Report back to AFN with findings and options for improvement
CNSC - Funding	Send the DNNP early funding application form to AFN (complete)
AFN	Confirm whether they’d like a 50% advance for Stream 3 Funding (2026 Workplan) (complete)
AFN	Confirm whether June 25 is suitable for participation in the BWXT Peterborough IEMP sampling day. (complete)
CNSC	Send IEMP sampling logistics information. (complete)
CNSC	Resend PHCF notification letter (complete)

AFN and CNSC Meeting

June 30, 2026

(Virtual, MS Teams)

CNSC staff Attendees	AFN Attendees
Emily Janzen , Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard , ICED Jamie Melanson , ICED Jenna Joyce , ICED	Julie Kapyrka , Consultation manager Matthew Olsen , Consultation Project Engagement Coordinator Ceara Das , Energy Coordinator

Agenda

Project Updates:

- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) - Steph
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) & Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning - Jamie, Dan
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Emily

Admin Items:

- Touch base on draft CNSC/AFN Terms of reference
- Next meeting: July 28

Meeting Notes

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- CNSC staff proposed that if AFN is interested in discussing the project in more detail, Erin (ICED lead) and Mike Jones (project lead) could attend the next monthly meeting in July.
 - AFN confirmed their interest in having Erin and Mike attend to discuss the project further

Action: CNSC staff to invite Erin and Mike at the next meeting to discuss Cameco's Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) application.

- CNSC staff also advised that:
 - A nation-specific webinar will be held on August 20, 2026 (invitation to follow).
 - A public webinar is planned for August 18, 2026.
- CNSC staff provided key timelines:
 - CMD publication: August 5, 2026
 - Intervention deadline: October 5, 2026
 - Hearing: Week of November 3, 2026
- CNSC staff asked whether there had been any developments in AFN's relationship with Cameco since the last meeting.
- AFN indicated that engagement remains minimal, with contact described as sporadic.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff raised the recent Deep Water Intake (DWI) development and sought initial feedback from AFN.
- AFN stated that:
 - The Part 1 hearing was the first time they had heard that DWI may not proceed.
 - Claims by OPG that Nations had been informed on the change, that DWI might not be included in the project, are incorrect and concerning.
- AFN expressed key concerns:
 - Lack of clear and consistent communication from OPG
 - Timing of decision-making (days before intervention deadlines), creating confusion
 - Trust concerns regarding conflicting information
- AFN clarified their position on DWI:
 - Focus is on mitigating impacts to fish (impingement and entrainment)
 - The exclusion of the DWI may reduce fish impacts but raises concerns regarding lakebed disruption and spoils
- AFN also raised broader concerns:
 - The project scope combines too many elements (operations, refurbishment, decommissioning, waste), making it too onerous and overwhelming.
 - AFN noted that OPG stated that they chose to combine all aspects of the application in response to what OPG understood to be a preference expressed by the Nations.

- AFN clarified that First Nations did not request this approach and expressed concern that combining all aspects of the application made the process significantly more complex and difficult to engage with.
- Confusion around Duty to Consult (DTC); AFN mentioned that they don't know who they should go to for certain conversations or details. They believe there is "two voices of the Crown".
- CNSC staff acknowledged that having different parties doing consultation must be confusing and that we've heard the Nation's feedback for clearer information on the process of delegating consultation aspects and details around what can be delegated. CNSC staff explained:
 - Province delegates fully to OPG
 - CNSC does not fully delegate; the Crown can delegate procedural aspects of consultation
- AFN highlighted consultation challenges:
 - Extensive engagement with OPG (multiple meetings weekly)
 - Limited direct engagement with CNSC
 - Perception that consultation is occurring primarily with the proponent rather than the Crown
- Tripartite meetings (CNSC–AFN–OPG):
 - CNSC staff proposed exploring this approach
 - AFN strongly supported the idea, noting previous attempts were rejected by OPG
- AFN initiative:
 - Submitted proposal to OPG (May 28) for a Cumulative Rights, Responsibilities and Relations Assessment (C3RA) specific to the Pickering project
 - Awaiting response; may share with CNSC once approved internally

Action: CNSC staff to:

- Follow up with OPG regarding DWI communication
- Explore opportunities for a tripartite meeting to talk through issues and concerns on Pickering and communication breakdown

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- CNSC staff confirmed a meeting scheduled for September 2, 2026 (afternoon).
 - AFN confirmed availability and that Julie, Ceara and Matthew could make it.
- CNSC staff are:
 - Gathering preferences on format (virtual, hybrid, in-person), noting that AFN had previously provided their preference for a virtual meeting which was 2 hours long.
 - Gathering feedback on agenda topics. CNSC staff offered to draft an agenda and send it around for the Nation's feedback; AFN agreed to this approach.

Terms of Reference (TOR):

- CNSC staff advised that the TOR has been reviewed internally by the ICED team. Staff explained that other CNSC teams have not yet reviewed, and that the TOR will need to be

reviewed at some point by Legal Services and other implicated teams, like the Funding team.

- CNSC staff asked AFN whether they'd like to see the draft now or wait a bit to give a change for CNSC Legal Services to review.
 - AFN responded they'd like to see the draft now.
- Both parties acknowledged that:
 - The TOR will go through multiple iterations before finalization

Action: CNSC staff to send draft TOR to AFN for review

Funding

- CNSC staff confirmed that:
 - Funding application (Stream 1) has been processed
 - Partial payment has been issued
- AFN confirmed:
 - Receipt of approximately 50% advance payment
 - No additional issues at this time

Next meeting:

- Next AFN–CNSC monthly meeting: July 28, 2026
 - All participants confirmed the date and time still works

Actions

Responsible Party	Action
CNSC	Invite Erin and Mike at the next meeting to discuss Cameco's Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) application (complete)
CNSC	Follow up with OPG regarding DWI communication
CNSC	Explore opportunities for a tripartite meeting to talk through issues and concerns on Pickering and communication breakdown
CNSC	Send draft TOR to AFN for review (complete)

CNSC-MSIFN Monthly Meeting

July 2, 2026 | 1 PM
Virtual via MS teams

CNSC	MSIFN
CNSC staff Janzen, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard, ICED Jamie Bogden, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Pickering Regulatory Program Division (PRPD)	Sam Shrubsole, Impact Assessment Team Lead, Minogi Finn Komai, Ecology Project Coordinator, Minogi

****These draft meeting minutes are subject to review and feedback from MSIFN****

Agenda

Project Updates:

- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) - Steph
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning - Jamie, Dan
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application - CNSC staff
 - Touch base on September 2nd meeting

Admin Items:

- Next meeting: July 22
- IEMP follow up email from Jane MacDonald

Meeting Notes

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- CNSC staff proposed that if MSIFN is interested in discussing the project in more detail, Erin (ICED lead) and Mike Jones (project lead) could attend the next monthly meeting in July.
 - MSIFN confirmed their interest in having Erin and Mike attend to discuss the project further

Action: CNSC staff to invite Erin and Mike to the next meeting to discuss Cameco's Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) project.

- CNSC staff also advised that:
 - A nation-specific webinar will be held on August 20, 2026 (invitation to follow).
 - A public webinar is planned for August 18, 2026.
- CNSC staff provided key timelines:
 - CMD publication: August 5, 2026
 - Intervention deadline: October 5, 2026
 - Hearing: Week of November 3, 2026

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff raised concerns about OPG's last-minute communication regarding the Deep Water Intake (DWI), noting that affected nations and communities were not clearly informed, and MSIFN confirmed this was the first time many stakeholders heard about the change, despite OPG's claims of prior notification.
- MSIFN emphasized that the DWI is central to rights impact and consent for the project, explaining that MSIFN has consistently prioritized this aspect due to its environmental benefits, and its removal would significantly affect their submission and willingness to provide consent.
 - CNSC staff noted they would make sure to record this in the issues and concerns tracker and will request OPG's written response to this concern.
 - CNSC staff emphasized that OPG has requested to see the issues and concerns tracker; CNSC staff think this would be a good idea. MSIFN responded that they will look into it and get back to CNSC staff with a response.

Action: MSIFN to confirm whether the issues and concerns table for Pickering can be shared with OPG.

- MSIFN confirmed that they were able to meet with OPG this morning. MSIFN was also present, which provided an opportunity for the communities to raise their concerns directly with OPG.
 - MSIFN clarified that the meeting they had previously referenced was the May 21 meeting with OPG. Upon reviewing their notes from that meeting, they noted that

- there had been discussion regarding concerns that the project could potentially be compromised due to the spoil dredging issue.
 - According to MSIFN's recollection, OPG indicated that the project would not be compromised if the communities agreed to provide their consent for OPG's proposed open-water disposal of dredged spoils, which represented approximately 15% of the overall project scope.
- CNSC staff highlighted the commission-imposed August 1st deadline for OPG to decide on the DWI, with only twelve days before the August 12th submission deadline, and MSIFN noted the challenge of preparing parallel submissions and requested timely information from OPG.
- CNSC staff discussed sharing the draft issues and concerns tables with OPG for written responses, and MSIFN confirmed ongoing review and planned feedback, aiming to clarify outstanding concerns and facilitate transparent communication.
- CNSC staff stated that internal review of the application continues under the assumption that the DWI is included, but flexibility is maintained to address potential changes, and collaboration with MSIFN and other stakeholders will persist as new information emerges.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- CNSC staff verified that the September 2nd afternoon meeting for DNNP is confirmed, and MSIFN stated that the date works for their group, with plans to check Rob's availability for regulatory discussions.
 - MSIFN stated they'd prefer in-person and could discuss hosting if needed. They would also be open to aligning with the other Nation's preferences.
- CNSC staff congratulated MSIFN on securing a major equity deal with the province and crown.
- CNSC staff inquired about the indigenous knowledge study and cumulative effects assessment, and MSIFN clarified that OPG is supporting both, with discussions underway to complete the indigenous-led assessments for Pickering and Wesleyville (called C3RA) and the development of a new framework that can hopefully be applied to other projects.
- CNSC staff asked about the status of the environmental monitoring augmentation program, and MSIFN reported no recent updates, but noted ongoing discussions about offsetting plans, with CNSC staff committing to follow up with OPG and share relevant license conditions and reports.
- CNSC staff explained that, as part of Licence Condition (LC 15.4) for the DNNP LTC, there is a requirement for OPG to submit an annual indigenous engagement report for DNNP. MSIFN and CNSC staff went over the contents of LC 15.4 and described the review process.
- CNSC staff asked if the nations would like CNSC to draft a consultation work plan for DNNP LTO consultation or prefer to do so themselves, and whether it should be joint or individual; MSIFN agreed to consult internally and provide feedback.

Action: MSIFN to provide feedback on whether they would like CNSC staff to provide a first draft of the DNNP LTO consultation workplan or if they would like to take the lead.

Joint Forum Meetings

- Planning is underway by Jamie for the upcoming Joint Forum meetings:
 - July 13: virtual
 - September 11: in-person

Next Meeting: July 22

Action: CNSC to reschedule the July 22 meeting to July 29 to avoid conflicts.

Independent Environmental Monitoring Program – Sampling Plans

- MSIFN noted they received a request to review IEMP sampling plans for Darlington and Port Hope.
- CNSC staff noted that they had already received comments from MSIFN on those sampling plans and will double check if the e-mail was sent by mistake or if there are further changes to review.

Action: CNSC staff to double check if the e-mail for MSIFN to review the Darlington and Port Hope sampling plans for IEMP was sent by mistake or if there are further changes to review.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	Invite Erin and Mike to the next meeting to discuss Cameco's Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) project. (complete)
MSIFN	Confirm whether the issues and concerns table for Pickering can be shared with OPG.
MSIFN	Provide feedback on whether they would like CNSC staff to provide a first draft of the DNNP LTO consultation workplan or if they would like to take the lead.
CNSC	Reschedule the July 22 meeting to July 29 to avoid conflicts. (complete)
CNSC	Double check if the e-mail for MSIFN to review the Darlington and Port Hope sampling plans for IEMP was sent by mistake or if there are further changes to review. (complete)

Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation – CNSC staff monthly meeting

July 16, 2026

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	First Nation Attendees
Jamie Bogden, Indigenous Consultation Engagement Division (ICED) Erin Cotnam-Bent, ICED Emily Janzen, ICED Jenna Joyce, ICED Jane MacDonald, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division Caroline Ryan, ICED Doug Wylie, ICED	Curve Lake First Nation Lily Boggs, Consultation Energy Lead Paola Cueva - Environmental coordinator supporting Curve Lake Paige Williams, Consultation Manager Hiawatha First Nation Tom Cowie, Consultation / Lands and Resources Sean Davison Francis Chua, Francis Chua Consulting Jaimi O'Hara - Francis Chua Consulting Kayla Wright, Francis Chua Consulting

** These draft meeting minutes are subject to review and feedback from Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) and Hiawatha First Nation (HFN). The agenda has been updated to reflect both scheduled and additional discussion topics raised during the meeting. **

Agenda:

- 1. Funding for Forum – Jamie**
- 2. IEMP Wild Rice Sampling**
- 3. Project Updates and Consultation & Engagement Discussions**
 - a. **Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)** – Emily
 - b. **Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)** – Erin
 - i. Discussion on Cameco correspondence/letters
 - c. **Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning** - Jamie, Dan

Meeting Notes

Forum Meeting Funding and Structure: discussed the funding and structure for the new forum meetings. The Nations confirmed that the current budget and coordinator funding for Curve Lake and Hiawatha are sufficient to cover additional meetings, and Jamie will communicate this to the funding team and document the rationale.

Coordinator Funding Continuity: Francis emphasized the importance of continuity in coordinator funding, noting that if this funding were removed, adjustments would need to be made in the terms of reference, but currently the team is in good shape.

Documentation and Communication: CNSC staff agreed to document the funding rationale and communicate it to the funding team and will CC relevant participants to ensure the information is available for future reference.

Wild Rice Sampling Planning and IEMP Program Context: coordinated the timing, logistics, and context for wild rice sampling under the Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP), discussing harvest windows, site selection, community involvement, and technical details.

DNNP: CNSC Staff and the Nations discussed the upcoming collective meeting for the Darlington Nuclear New Project (DNNP) license application, agreeing on a virtual three-hour session.

Meeting Format and Scheduling: The Nations confirmed holding the collective DNNP meeting virtually for three hours on September 2nd from 1:00-4:00 pm, could work for CLFN and HFN, pending other Michi Saagiig First Nations' preferences and potential need to accommodate travel constraints and considering the impact of the Moose Symposium on attendance.

Agenda Drafting Responsibility: Emily will draft the agenda for the meeting, as requested by Francis and other Michi Saagiig First Nations, focusing on license conditions and commitments, and will circulate it for review and comment.

- **Consultation Progress and Gaps:** CLFN/HFN provided details on ongoing discussions about secondary offsets and habitat removal, including new requirements for laydown areas and concerns about bank swallow habitat.
- **Legislative Changes and Species Protection:** CLFN/HFN explained that recent legislative changes from the ESA to the Species Conservation Act have reduced protections for certain species, such as bank swallow, and OPG has committed to follow previous requirements to address community concerns.

Port Hope Conversion Facility License Renewal Engagement: reviewed engagement activities with Cameco for the Port Hope Conversion Facility license renewal, detailing site tours, relationship agreements, and separate interventions for Curve Lake and Hiawatha, with future plans for community-specific tours and relationship building.

- **Engagement Activities and Site Tours:** The Nations described regular meetings and site visits with Cameco, including general and environmental-specific tours, and plans for a Chief and council tour and relationship building day before October.
- **Relationship Agreements and Oversight:** CLFN shared that Curve Lake First Nation has a relationship agreement with Cameco, involving environmental working group and oversight committee meetings, while Hiawatha First Nation is beginning similar engagement but has not yet established a formal agreement.
- **Cultural Component in Interventions:** Francis emphasized the importance of including cultural context in interventions, aiming to describe the historical and future vision for Port Hope.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station License Renewal and Deep-Water Intake

Concerns: discussed the Pickering license renewal, focusing on the rights impact assessment, issues and concerns tables, and significant concerns about the deep-water intake (DWI), including communication gaps with OPG and offsetting options.

- **Rights Impact Assessment and Documentation:** CNSC staff drafted the rights impact assessment and issues and concerns tables, incorporating commitments from OPG and language from previous projects.

- **Oral Presentation Structure:** Francis outlined plans for generational themes in oral presentations, with Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations representatives discussing Pickering's history and future.
- **C3RA Framework and Long-Term Vision:** The Nations introduced the C3RA (Cumulative Rights, Responsibilities, and Relatives Assessment) framework as the updated name for formerly referred to 'impact assessment light,' aiming for its implementation within the 10-year license period and eventual stewardship of Pickering Nuclear Site lands by the communities after decommissioning.
- **Deep Water Intake and Offsetting Concerns:** A representative from CLFN described Curve Lake's concerns about the DWI, including disagreement with baseline habitat characterization, challenges with offsetting options like Goodyear dam removal, and opposition from DFO, as well as the inadequacy of artificial reef creation for fish productivity. This has been identified as a large consideration for the Nations' consent on this project. (Though not the only aspect for consideration in terms of the Nations consent for the project.)

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	Write an email to funding team summarizing the meeting discussion on forum funding sufficiency, including rationale, and CC relevant team members for future reference.
CNSC	Send placeholder dates for wild rice sampling (September 3, 4, 9, and 10) to the group and coordinate with interested attendees to finalize logistics, including rain dates and session specifics.
Francis/CNSC	Compile a list of all PFP contacts and review with Francis for inclusion in future communications.
CNSC	Draft and circulate a proposed agenda for the September 2nd DNNP collective meeting, using the LTC and LTO license conditions as a framework, for review and feedback by the nations.

SON EO – CNSC staff weekly meeting

July 21st, 2026

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	SON
Keely McCavitt, Jane MacDonald, Ella Myette, Priscilla Kahlil, Jamie Melanson (Pickering consultation lead) Daniel MacDonald (Pickering Project Officer)	Bob Nickel Ryan Lauzon

** These meeting notes were shared with Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON), but no feedback has been received to date. **

Agenda

1. Pickering Updates (Jamie Melanson & Daniel MacDonald)
2. Fish Impingement event response (Jeff Stevenson & Priscilla Kahlil)
3. SON & CNSC workplan updates
4. SON & CNSC TOR
5. Other updates
 - a. Funding Applications
6. Review of action items

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station & Waste Management Facility-

CNSC shared an overview of the Pickering application, where OPG is requesting to refurbish reactor units 5-8, merge the Pickering waste management facility (PWMF) and the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) licenses, and a 10-year renewal for this merged licence.

Part of the refurbishment activities included the construction of a deep-water intake (DWI) system, which would pull water from the lake floor, a kilometer offshore, to replace their near surface cooling system. The DWI would require a Fisheries Act Authorization.

Part 1 of the hearing process was held in late June 2026, where OPG announced that they were considering amending their application to remove construction of a DWI system. The Commission ordered OPG to make this decision by **August 1st**, and CNSC staff anticipate any updates to OPG's application on **July 31st**.

CNSC staff are operating under the assumption that the DWI will remain in the application until notified otherwise and will share any updates with the Nations once received.

Part 2 of the hearing process will be the week of **October 5th** in Ajax, Ontario. The interventions deadline is **August 12th**, and SON should anticipate an email notification with this information.

CNSC staff added that there is an expected increase in the volume of low and intermediate-level waste, should the refurbishment proceed. Some of the increase is due to the component replacement and will be stored on site in the Pickering Component Storage Structure (PCSS), while others result from PPE (coveralls, booties, etc.).

Intermediate and high-level waste will continue to be stored at the PWMF facility, and low-level waste will continue to be sent into SON territory at WWMF.

During part 1, the Commission asked OPG how much of an increase in waste would result from the refurb, OPG did not have an estimate at that time.

- SON asked about the purpose of the DWI.
 - CNSC staff added that the goal of the DWI is to reduce the temperature of the inflow, and by extension the outflow and thermal plume impacts. This system should reduce the likelihood of fish impingement episodes and should provide a more consistent temperature intake throughout each season.
- SON asked if the DWI design plans are finalized and can be shared with their experts, and what types of mitigation strategies will be applied to the DWI.
 - CNSC staff added that while the designs are not finalized or shared with the CNSC, OPG's shared that the plans are 60 % drafted, ideally finalized by October, at the latest by end of the year. CNSC staff understand OPG's plans include established parameters, including the flow patterns and intake velocity which will limit the fish's ability to enter the intake system. The intake will have grating but no surrounding net, as the depth will likely limit the fish's ability to gather. CNSC staff are unsure when SON will have access to the design plans but will keep SON informed on updates from OPG.
- SON asked about the PNGS current intake system, if it's similar to Bruce A&B, and if fish gather around the outflow.
 - CNSC staff explained that the near surface intake system similar to Bruce A&B, in that PNGS has a forebay, a net around the intake, and a discharge channel for their once-through cooling system. CNSC staffs understanding

is that fish don't often gather around the thermal plume the same way that they do at Bruce A&B.

Fish Impingement event response-

SON EO has shared their comments on the draft report with CNSC staff, who will review and address comments by early august (Tentative timeline).

Work Plan-

CNSC staff responded to SON's workplan comments, SON accepted the suggested edits. CNSC staff will make a clean copy of the workplan to guide the activities for this year.

Terms of Reference-

The agreement is currently under review by SON's legal counsel. SON expressed some concern in advancing the TOR due to the uncertainty around the CNSC mandate and role stemming from the Discussion paper posted by the Major projects office (MPO). CNSC staff clarified that the TOR is an agreement guiding CNSC and SON's relationship, and we don't foresee any impacts on the agreement drafting as a result of potential legislative changes. The TOR between SON and CNSC is a distinct agreement from the proposed TOR between IAAC CNSC and SON for the Bruce C project. CNSC staff offered to set up a TOR-specific discussion to provide clarity on this matter if of interest to the SON. This discussion will continue next week with relevant SON attendees.

DNNP-

CNSC staff followed last week's DNNP discussion to see if there were any questions regarding the notification letter. SON has not had the opportunity to review, CNSC will re-share the letter and should there be questions, they can be discussed at next week's meeting.

Other updates

- SON has submitted all the open funding applications, CNSC staff will keep reach out should the funding team have any questions on their submissions.
- SON is seeking confirmation in writing that the low level waste streams from PNGS will continue to come to WWMF, and that there is an anticipated increase in the amount of waste during refurbishment. CNSC staff offered to have a follow-up discussion on this, which SON will confirm internally.
 - **UPDATE:** CNSC staff will respond to this in writing, as well as provide clarity on the expectations for OPG on the increased PNGS waste stream, should the refurbishment proceed.

- SON requested a discussion with CNSC staff regarding the BP ERA update in response to the Fish impingement event.
 - CNSC staff proposed a deep-dive with the experts, and will coordinate this discussion for a coming weekly meeting.
 - SON shared that their understanding is CNSC staff do not accept conclusions from the ERA based on the 2025 fish impingement event. SON is interested hearing from Staff to understanding the relationship between the event and the ERA, including changes to the document pre and post impingement event.
- SON raised concerns regarding the increasing risk of the invasive species surrounding the Bruce Power site due to the thermal plume. SON is interested in understanding CNSC staff's process for evaluating impacts from invasive species, through the above ERA item or in a separate discussion.
 - CNSC staff added that DFO should likely be part of this conversation. Staff will consider the correct experts and vehicle for this discussion, and park it for a coming weekly agenda.

Follow up on Actions from July 14th, 2026-

Follow up responses in red.

SON EO:

- Review and provide comments on fish impingement draft report
 - Complete and shared with CNSC staff
- Organize DNNP site tour
 - SON is currently coordinating with OPG, potential leadership attendance
- Follow up with CNSC with direction from NAC on:
 - Collaboration on WWMF issues tracking
 - ♣ Still TBD
 - Sharing the Land Use and Occupancy Study Report
 - ♣ CNSC staff received from SON. CNSC staff will be in touch with SON if there are any questions.

CNSC staff:

- Review funding applications (ongoing)
- Bring staff to discuss the Pickering project to the next meeting (complete)
- Share information package following OPG's review (ongoing)

Actions from July 21st, 2026

SON EO:

- Invite relevant attendees to next week's meeting for a discussion on TOR updating and potential impacts from the MPO discussion paper

CNSC staff:

- Prepare a clean version of the Workplan to share with SON
- Address SON comments on the collaborative Fish impingement report
- Add TOR discussion and potential impacts from the discussion paper to July 28th agenda
- Share the DNNP notification letter with SON EO and legal counsel
- Prepare written response regarding DNNP letter and its applicability to PNGS refurbishment.
- Coordinate a discussion on the Bruce Power ERA update following the fish impingement event
- Coordinate a discussion on invasive aquatic species and how impacts are evaluated

AFN and CNSC Meeting

July 28, 2026
(Virtual, MS Teams)

CNSC staff Attendees	AFN Attendees
Emily Janzen , Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Stéphanie Bédard , ICED Jamie Melanson , ICED Jenna Joyce , ICED Erin Cotnam-Bent , ICED Mike Jones , Nuclear Processing Facilities Division (NPF) (NPF)	Ceara Das , Energy Coordinator Absent: Julie and Matthew (on vacation)

These draft meeting minutes are subject to review and feedback from Alderville First Nation (AFN)

Agenda

Project Updates:

- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) – Erin and Mike
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning - Jamie
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) – Licence to Operate (LTO) Application – Emily
 - Touch base on September 2nd meeting - draft agenda and consultation plan

Admin Items:

- Touch base on draft CNSC/AFN Terms of Reference
- Meeting notes
- Next meeting: August 25

Meeting Notes

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- CNSC staff followed up on concerns raised previously regarding the lack of engagement between Cameco and Alderville First Nation.
 - AFN indicated that, to their knowledge, Cameco has not contacted either Julie or Ceara directly regarding the project.
 - AFN reiterated that their primary concerns relate to environmental reports and the facility's location on the shoreline of Lake Ontario.
- CNSC staff noted that Cameco has posted several environmental reports on its website and that the CNSC Environmental Protection Review Report is available through the Commission Member Document (CMD) and Open Government.

Action: Reach out to Cameco and advise that Alderville First Nation would like a meeting regarding the PHCF project and environmental reports.

- CNSC staff shared upcoming key dates:
 - Staff CMD to be published August 5, 2026
 - Indigenous-specific webinar scheduled for August 20, 2026; invitations have been sent.
 - Deadline for interventions: October 5, 2026
 - Commission Hearing: November 3–5, 2026 in Port Hope.
 - CNSC staff shared the link to the Environmental Protection Review Report on July 27, 2026, which is also available on the Open Government website.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff thanked AFN for the Issues and Concerns Table submitted by Julie and confirmed it is being provided to OPG for written responses.
- CNSC staff advised that a draft Rights Impact Assessment and draft Licence Condition for Indigenous Engagement are being finalized and will be shared with AFN for feedback.
- CNSC staff will continue to provide updates as they receive information from OPG regarding upcoming hearing-related activities.
- AFN asked whether Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (DNGS) has annual fish impingement and entrainment reporting requirements similar to Pickering. They have

requested fish-related monitoring information from OPG (Meghan Buckham) on several occasions but have not received the information requested.

- CNSC staff indicated they were unsure whether similar reporting exists for DNGS and committed to following up internally.
 - AFN advised that the last publicly available report for PNGS is from 2023 Impingement Monitoring Report and noted that equivalent information for Darlington has been difficult to obtain.

Action: CNSC staff will follow up internally to see what the reporting requirements are regarding fish impingement for DNGS and then circle back to AFN.

- CNSC staff offered to organize a working session, if helpful, to review the Rights Impact Assessment, Licence Condition for Indigenous Engagement, or other hearing-related documentation with AFN.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- CNSC staff confirmed the collective meeting scheduled for September 2, 2026, will be held virtually and is planned as a three-hour session.
- A draft agenda will be circulated to participating Nations for review and comment.
- CNSC staff advised that Nations expressed a preference for CNSC to prepare an initial draft Consultation Work Plan for the DNNP and DNNP LTO process.
 - AFN supported CNSC preparing the first draft for Nations to review and comment on.
- CNSC staff will circulate a draft Consultation Work Plan in advance of the September 2 meeting.
- CNSC staff noted they would like to discuss how CNSC can support Nations in reaching their Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) decision regarding the project.

Action: Circulate draft agenda and Consultation Work Plan for the September 2, 2026 DNNP collective meeting.

Terms of Reference (TOR):

- CNSC
- asked for an update on the TOR that was sent to AFN for review in early June. AFN advised that Julie will be reviewing and leading discussions on the TOR upon her return from vacation.
- CNSC staff will follow up with Julie regarding the status of the review when she is back from vacation on August 4.

Action: CNSC staff will follow up with Julie regarding the status of the TOR when she is back from vacation on August 4.

Other Items:

- **Meeting notes format :**

- CNSC staff noted the concerns and feedback received from AFN regarding the format and wording of previous meeting notes.
- CNSC and AFN discussed moving toward a higher-level summary format while retaining the complete meeting transcript for reference.
- AFN suggested discussing further with Julie when she returns.
- **Funding questions:**
 - CNSC staff advised that responses have been received from the CNSC funding team regarding funding questions previously raised by Matthew.
 - CNSC staff will circulate those responses to Matthew and copy Julie and Ceara.

Action: CNSC staff to send responses to funding questions raised by AFN at a previous meeting via e-mail.

- **Next meeting:**
 - Confirmed for **August 25, 2026**.

Actions

Responsible Party	Action	Status
CNSC staff	Reach out to Cameco and advise that Alderville First Nation would like a meeting regarding the PHCF project and environmental reports.	Complete
CNSC staff	CNSC staff will follow up internally to see what the reporting requirements are regarding fish impingement for DNGS and then circle back to AFN.	Complete – CNSC staff sent AFN information on reporting requirements July 29 and followed up with OPG and AFN on July 31.
CNSC staff	Circulate draft agenda and Consultation Work Plan for the September 2, 2026 DNNP collective meeting.	In progress – CNSC staff shared a draft agenda for comment on August 7 th . A draft consultation workplan will follow.
CNSC staff	CNSC staff will follow up with Julie regarding the status of the TOR when she is back from vacation on August 4.	Complete – sent July 29
CNSC staff	CNSC staff to send responses to funding questions raised by AFN at a previous meeting via e-mail.	Complete – sent July 28

CNSC-MSIFN Monthly Meeting

July 29, 2026 at 11am

Virtual via MS teams

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN
Emily Janzen , Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Jenna Joyce , ICED Stéphanie Bédard , ICED Erin Cotnam-Bent , ICED Jamie Melanson , ICED Mike Jones , Nuclear Processing Facilities Division (NPFD)	Sam Shrubsole , Impact Assessment Team Lead, Minogi

Agenda

- MSIFN to provide an overview of new consultation protocol

Project Updates:

- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF) – Erin and Mike
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning - Jamie, Dan
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) – Licence to Operate (LTO) Application – Emily
 - Touch base on September 2nd meeting - draft agenda and consultation plan

Admin Items:

- CNSC staffing changes
- Next meeting: August 26

Meeting Notes

MSIFN Consultation Protocol

- The protocol outlines MSIFN's expectations regarding consultation, community history, treaty rights, and preferred approaches to engagement.
- CNSC staff indicated that the protocol will be a useful resource for future consultation planning and project-specific consultation work plans.
- CNSC staff will circulate the protocol within ICED and consider a future meeting to walk through the document together and discuss any questions.

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- CNSC staff provided key updates on the PHCF licence renewal process and upcoming milestones:
 - Staff CMD and CNSC Environmental Protection Review Report to be published by August 5, 2026.
 - Indigenous-specific webinar scheduled for August 20, 2026.
 - Intervention deadline: October 5, 2026.
 - Commission Hearing: November 3–5, 2026 in Port Hope.
 - CNSC staff reminded MSIFN that the Environmental Protection Review Report is already available on the Open Government website and that links were shared earlier this week by email.
- MSIFN confirmed that engagement with Cameco continues to be positive and that regular meetings are taking place.
- MSIFN advised that a leadership tour of the Port Hope facilities is currently being organized for Chief and Council in advance of the hearing.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff advised that OPG's written responses to the Issues and Concerns Table had been received and would be shared with MSIFN. CNSC staff are also preparing CNSC responses and will provide these once finalized.
- CNSC staff met with OPG and reiterated the importance of notifying Nations as soon as a decision regarding DWI is available.
 - OPG advised CNSC that Nations will be informed as soon as information regarding the path forward becomes available.
 - MSIFN noted that OPG advised them they will receive DWI-related information at the same time as CNSC.
- MSIFN expressed concerns regarding compressed timelines and the impact of pending DWI decisions on hearing preparation and leadership review processes.
 - CNSC staff acknowledged these concerns and committed to continuing to raise them with OPG.
- CNSC staff are completing the final review of the Rights Impact Assessment and anticipate sharing it with MSIFN by the end of the week.

- CNSC staff offered to hold a working session with MSIFN to review the assessment together if helpful.

Action: CNSC staff to provide the draft Rights Impact Assessment (RIA) to MSIFN for review.

Action: Share OPG's written responses to the Issues and Concerns Table with MSIFN.

- CNSC staff asked whether MSIFN would be interested in having an opening ceremony for the upcoming hearing.
 - MSIFN will discuss the request internally and provide feedback to CNSC staff.

Action: MSIFN to advise CNSC whether it is interested in participating in an opening ceremony for the hearing.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- CNSC staff provided an update on preparations for the September 2, 2026 collective meeting.
 - A draft agenda will be circulated to Nations for review and comment prior to the meeting.
- CNSC staff are preparing a draft Consultation Work Plan and will circulate it for review and feedback.
- CNSC staff indicated that the technical review of OPG's application is ongoing.
- Discussion was held regarding anticipated timelines for the licensing process. CNSC staff noted that hearing timelines are not yet available and that the overall review process is expected to extend beyond 2027.
- CNSC staff highlighted the availability of early Participant Funding Program (PFP) funding and invited MSIFN to contact CNSC if MSIFN would like to take advantage of the early funding.
- MSIFN asked whether activities associated with the September 2 meeting could be supported through existing Terms of Reference (TOR) funding.
 - CNSC staff advised that TOR funding could be used if sufficient funds remain available under the current funding agreement. CNSC staff suggested reviewing the workplan jointly to assess capacity and ensure planned activities remain on track.

Action: Circulate the draft DNNP Consultation Work Plan for review and comment.

Action: CNSC staff to add a review of the current TOR workplan to the next monthly meeting agenda to assess available funding capacity for activities related to the September 2 meeting and confirm that planned annual activities remain on track.

Action: Circulate the draft agenda for the September 2 DNNP collective meeting.

Admin Items:

- **Staff changes**

- CNSC staff advised that Emily Janzen will no longer serve as MSIFN's primary point of contact.
- Jenna Joyce will become the primary CNSC contact beginning in September 2026. Jenna will lead the next monthly meeting in August and Emily will attend as support.
- Emily will remain as the lead for DNNP-related work and will support the transition.
- Jenna also advised she will become the primary point of contact for the Wesleyville project, taking over from Emily.
- **Next meeting**
 - Next monthly meeting scheduled for August 26, 2026.

Action Item Summary

Owner	Action Item
CNSC	CNSC staff to provide the draft Rights Impact Assessment (RIA) to MSIFN for review.
CNSC	Share OPG's written responses to the Issues and Concerns Table with MSIFN.
MSIFN	MSIFN to advise CNSC whether it is interested in participating in an opening ceremony for the hearing.
CNSC	Circulate the draft DNNP Consultation Work Plan for review and comment.
CNSC	CNSC staff to add a review of the current TOR workplan to the next monthly meeting agenda to assess available funding capacity for activities related to the September 2 meeting and confirm that planned annual activities remain on track.
CNSC	Circulate the draft agenda for the September 2 DNNP collective meeting. (complete)

Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation – CNSC staff monthly meeting

August 20th, 2026

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	First Nation Attendees
Emily Janzen, Indigenous Consultation Engagement Division (ICED) Jenna Joyce, ICED Jane MacDonald, ICED Daniel MacDonald, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division Jamie Melanson, ICED Caroline Ryan, ICED Doug Wylie, ICED	Curve Lake First Nation Lily Boggs, Consultation Energy Lead Paola Cueva - Environmental coordinator supporting Curve Lake Paige Williams, Consultation Manager Hiawatha First Nation Tom Cowie, Consultation / Lands and Resources Tamara Whitby, Energy Lead Francis Chua, Francis Chua Consulting Jaimi O'Hara - Francis Chua Consulting Kayla Wright, Francis Chua Consulting

**These draft meeting minutes are subject to review and feedback from Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) and Hiawatha First Nation (HFN). The agenda has been updated to reflect both scheduled and additional discussion topics raised during the meeting. **

Agenda:

- 1. Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Pickering Waste Management Facility Application for Renewal, Refurbishment consultation discussion –**
Jamie and Daniel
- 2. IEMP – Fall Sampling –** Jane
- 3. Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) -** Emily
- 4. CNSC – MS-WTFNs joint forum**

Meeting Notes

- **DWI Project Delays and Mitigation Discussions:**
 - **Project Delay Concerns:** CNSC confirmed that OPG has not committed to a date for the construction of the DWI. CNSC staff asked for initial input, seeking to understand potential concern from Nations and if OPG is working to address these concerns.
 - **Mitigation and Offsets:** CLFN/HFN noted that discussions have started regarding interim mitigation and offset measures to address fish impacts if DWI is delayed, though details are still being developed.
 - **DFO and First Nations Engagement:** CNSC and the Nations discussed DFO's engagement with Michi Saagig First Nations, including monthly meetings and the requirement for a FIPA request to access specific data, highlighting challenges in information sharing.

- **License Conditions and C3RA Framework Negotiations:** discussed the negotiation of license conditions for the 10-year renewal, emphasizing the importance of the C3RA framework and clarifying that DWI is not the sole criterion for consent from Curve Lake and Hiawatha.
 - **Curve Lake and Hiawatha Position:** Clarified that while DWI is important, it is not the sole determinant for consent or support from Curve Lake and Hiawatha, and that the focus is on negotiating license conditions and implementing the C3RA framework during the license period.
 - **Drafting License Conditions:** Jamie proposed including a placeholder for C3RA in the draft license condition, with the understanding that feedback from all parties would be incorporated, where possible, and that the final condition would seek to reflect collaborative input.
 - **Nation-Specific Participation:** A representative from CLFN/HFN highlighted Hiawatha's interest in participating in compliance inspections and requested that all community feedback be traceable in CNSC documentation, with Jamie confirming that a single license condition would be proposed with input from all Indigenous Nations and communities.

- **Logistics and Planning for Part 2 Hearing:** discussed logistics for the upcoming Part 2 hearing, including dedicated spaces for Michi Saagig Nations, opening ceremonies, and the sequencing of community presentations.
 - **Facility and Comfort Arrangements:** Francis requested a dedicated room at the for Michi Saagig Nations, including provisions for elders and children, with Minogi handling catering and related logistics.

- **Hearing Agenda and Sequencing:** The proposed agenda includes opening proceedings by CNSC, followed by presentations from CNSC, OPG, and then the communities, with Curve Lake presenting first due to a planned video component, followed by Hiawatha.
 - **Opening Ceremony Coordination:** Jamie and Emily discussed coordinating the opening ceremony, including involvement of elders and possibly children, and addressed questions about smudging and whether ceremonies would be on or off camera.
 - **Theme of Community Presentations:** Francis described the generational theme for Curve Lake and Hiawatha presentations, focusing on the experiences of members across generations and the spiritual context of the project's impacts.
- **Offsets Selection and Fisheries Act Authorization Challenges:** discussed the selection of offset sites for the DWI project, the rejection of the Goodyear Dam removal by DFO, and concerns about the suitability and timing of alternative offset measures.
 - **Secondary Offsetting Approach:** Nations described the precedent of including secondary offsets in the FAA for previous projects and suggested a similar approach may be needed for DWI, given ongoing disagreements about primary offsets.
 - **Impact on Licensing and Scheduling:** CNSC noted that CNSC has limited influence over DFO's decisions but will continue to share feedback with DFO and remain available to help where possible.
- **Manoomin and Fish Sampling Campaign Coordination:** coordinated logistics for upcoming Manoomin and fish sampling campaigns, including scheduling, equipment, and participation from Curve Lake and Hiawatha.
 - **Scheduling and Logistics:** Jane and Francis coordinated dates for Manoomin sampling, with Curve Lake scheduled for September 14 and Hiawatha for September 16, including contingency plans for weather delays, being the morning of September 17th.
 - **IEMP Sampling Plans:** Jane asked about the Nations participation in IEMP at Port Hope Conversion Facility and Darlington. While the Nations are not available for the Darlington campaign, HFN will attend PHCF on October 19th and CLFN on October 21st. IEMP staff will follow-up with details ahead of their attendance.

- **Coordination with Locals for Fish Samples:** The Nations suggested involving local fishermen, and Hiawatha consultation staff Sean, to provide fish samples, with Jane agreeing to coordinate details and clarify lab requirements for sample collection.
- **DNNP Application and Early Funding Opportunities:** discussed the availability of OPG's DNNP application, early funding opportunities for Curve Lake and Hiawatha, and preparations for the September 2nd meeting agenda.
 - **Application Availability:** Emily informed the group that OPG's DNNP application is available online and will be posted on the CNSC website once a hearing date is established.
 - **Early Funding for Participation:** Emily offered early funding to Curve Lake and Hiawatha to support participation in the September 2nd meeting and review of the consultation work plan, with CLFN/HFN.
 - **Meeting Agenda and Consultation Planning:** Emily outlined the draft agenda for the September 2nd meeting, focusing on potential impacts to rights, consultation approaches, and the continuity of license conditions across project stages.
- **Rights Impact Assessment (RIA) Process Improvements:** discussed the ongoing development and improvement of the Rights Impact Assessment process, including feedback incorporation, template selection, and plans for broader collaboration with Michi Saagig Nations.
 - **Feedback and Template Selection:** CNSC staff agreed to use the updated Pickering RIA as a template for DNNP, incorporating feedback from Nations to ensure relevance and improvement over previous versions.
 - **Scheduling Adjustments:** Due to scheduling conflicts, the group agreed to postpone the next forum to November, ensuring broader participation and alignment with community priorities.
 - **Long-Term Process Goals:** Nations and CNSC emphasized the importance of a patient, iterative approach to RIA development, prioritizing thoroughness and community input over rapid completion.

Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item	Status
CLFN/HFN	Report back on discussions with DFO regarding the FIPA request and information-sharing process.	

CNSC Staff	Draft and circulate a Pickering licence condition, including a placeholder for the C3RA framework, and seek feedback from Curve Lake and Hiawatha. Review final license conditions from DNNP and DNGS as templates for Pickering	
CLFN/HFN	Review the Rights Impact Assessment and provide feedback to CNSC staff.	
CNSC Staff	Confirm final dates, meeting locations, participant lists, and canoe arrangements for Manoomin sampling activities via email	
Both	Confirm laboratory sampling requirements and coordinate fish collection with local fishers for Port Hope sampling.	
CNSC Staff	Distribute the DNNP early participant funding application and confirm available funding amounts.	Complete
CNSC Staff	Continue coordinating Part 2 hearing logistics and opening ceremony arrangements with participating Nations.	

AFN and CNSC Meeting

August 25, 2026
(Virtual, MS Teams)

<u>CNSC staff Attendees</u>	<u>AFN Attendees</u>
Emily Janzen , Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Jamie Melanson , ICED Jenna Joyce , ICED Dan MacDonald , Pickering Regulatory Program Division	Julie Kapryka Matthew Olsen Absent: Ceara Das

Meeting Notes Summary

Fall IEMP Sampling Campaigns: AFN plans to participate in Port Hope (weeks of Sept 21 and Oct 19) and Darlington (week of Oct 5) sampling activities, with scheduling considerations around the Pickering hearing. Ceara Das will attend on behalf of AFN.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning: CNSC is preparing responses to intervention issues, and shared draft Rights Impact Assessments with AFN. AFN will provide comments by September 9.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) – Licence to Operate (LTO) Application: AFN reiterated concerns regarding low & intermediate level waste storage structure application sequencing. CNSC committed to providing written clarification on hearing and decision sequencing. CNSC circulated a draft agenda for the Sept 2 meeting and consultation plan; AFN had no major comments on either. AFN's funding application is under review by CNSC.

Admin Items:

- **TORs:** CNSC's draft CNSC-AFN TOR remains under internal review and is expected to be shared shortly.
- **Minutes:** AFN requested shorter, high-level meeting summaries instead of detailed minutes or transcripts to streamline review and approval.
- **Next meeting:** AFN supports inviting NRCAN to the September 29th meeting to discuss the upcoming Nuclear Safety and Control Act review process.

Actions

<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Status</u>
CNSC staff	Provide AFN with responses to issues and concerns tables for the PNGS proceeding.	In progress
CNSC staff	Provide written clarification regarding the expected sequencing of the DNNP waste facility LTC decision and LTO decision.	In progress
CNSC staff	Finalize internal review of the CNSC-AFN Terms of Reference and share draft with AFN.	Complete

Responsible Party	Action	Status
CNSC staff	Continue review of AFN's funding application and communicate any outstanding questions.	Complete
CNSC staff	Add NRCan's NSCA review discussion to the September 29 meeting agenda and coordinate participation.	In progress

CNSC–MSIFN Monthly Meeting

August 26, 2026 at 11am

Virtual via MS teams

CNSC Attendees	MSIFN
Emily Janzen , Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (ICED) Jenna Joyce , ICED Jane MacDonald , ICED Doug Wylie , Team Lead – Ontario Region, ICED Daniel MacDonald , Pickering Regulatory Program Division (PRPD) Michael Coy , Reconciliation, Policy and Public Programs Division (RPPPD) Adam Zenobi , Team Leader, Funding Programs (RPPPD)	Sam Shrubsole , Impact Assessment Team Lead, Minogi Finn Komai , Ecology Project Coordinator, Minogi

Agenda

Project Updates:

- Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)
- Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning - Doug, Dan
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) – Licence to Operate (LTO) Application – Emily
 - Touch base on September 2nd meeting - draft agenda and consultation plan
 - Bridge funding application – Funding team (Adam, Michael) to join and answer any questions you might have

Fall IEMP Sampling Campaigns - Jane

- Port Hope (PHCF and CFM): the weeks of September 21 and October 19 (two weeks of sampling in total).
- Darlington: the week of October 5.

Workplan review:

- Confirm planned annual activities remain on track.

Admin Items:

- Next meeting: September 23

Meeting Notes

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- No updates from CNSC staff.
- MSIFN met with Cameco yesterday and are in the process of drafting their intervention.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- PFP funding remains the preferred mechanism to support participation in the September 2 meeting.
- The bridge funding application may include activities beyond the September 2 meeting, such as review of the consultation plan and other consultation-related activities with CNSC staff. The funding is intended to bridge the period until the main project funding process begins and CNSC staff will keep MSIFN updated on the funding announcement.
- MSIFN noted they would try to submit an application; however, funding requests require Chief and Council approval, which occurs once weekly. Given the timing, submitting a signed application may be challenging. MSIFN may need to submit an unsigned application or submit after the deadline.

Action (MSIFN): Complete and submit the DNNP LTO bridge funding application, including any additional eligible early-engagement activities; submit an unsigned form before the meeting if necessary and provide signatures as soon as possible.

- CNSC staff requested feedback on the September 2 meeting agenda. Staff noted that legal counsel from both parties will be attending and that a draft consultation plan had been shared to support discussion on the proposed consultation approach.
- MSIFN had no comments on the September 2 meeting agenda at this time.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff received MSIFN's intervention and asked if there was anything MSIFN wanted to discuss specifically; MSIFN did not.
- CNSC staff shared the rights impact assessment (RIA) for MSIFN's review and asked for feedback by September 9th.

Action (MSIFN): Review the Pickering RIA and return comments to Jamie for inclusion in the supplemental submission.

- MSIFN's submission requested that the deep-water intake (DWI) proceed within the regular timeframe, and OPG is aware of that position.
- MSIFN is conducting a cumulative rights, responsibilities, and relations assessment and technical reviews of the DWI and other environmental impacts.
- CNSC staff reported that DFO and OPG are continuing discussions about offsetting for the DWI. MSIFN is working with OPG to seek a better alternative to the currently proposed offset.

- Hearing logistics and materials are being prepared with the CNSC Registry being MSIFN's main point of contact on those items.

Fall IEMP Sampling Campaigns:

- Port Hope (PHCF and CFM): Both Mondays for either September 21st or October 19th work well for MSIFN. They would like to attend alongside AFN. Finn would attend this sampling.
- Darlington: MSIFN is interested in attending the Darlington campaign as well. If needed, MSIFN would send Tony, who would not be attending the Pickering hearing, so would not have the same scheduling constraints.

Action (CNSC): Confirm MSIFN's participation in the PHCF and CFM sampling campaign, initially penciling Finn in for either September 21st or October 19th and coordinating with Alderville on final attendance.

Action (CNSC): Confirm Pickering hearing agenda details for the week of October 5; confirm whether Sam, Finn, or Tony will attend once the Pickering hearing schedule is known.

Joint Forum Meeting:

- MSIFN noted that the September 11 meeting needs to be rescheduled and this was flagged to Jamie.
- MSIFN suggested November 13, which works for three of the communities so far.

Action (CNSC): Reschedule the Joint Forum meeting from September 11th to November 13th.

Admin Items:

- **Next meeting**
 - Next monthly meeting scheduled for September 23, 2026 – confirmed.
 - NRCAN has requested time at the September meeting to discuss the review of the Nuclear Safety and Control Act. They anticipate requiring approximately 20-30 minutes to provide an overview of the process.
 - MSIFN confirmed they would like NRCAN to attend.

Action (CNSC): Include NRCAN in the September 23 meeting.

- **Workplan review:**
 - CNSC staff suggested adding Forum meetings to next year's work plan.
 - CNSC staff also suggested replacing the Issues and Concerns Tracker with a review of Forum meeting minutes, which already capture overarching issues and concerns.
 - MSIFN requested any materials that could be shared with the community, such as CNSC brochures, newsletter content, or IEMP sampling information.
 - CNSC staff provided an update on engagement with the Chippewa Nations, noting that initial contact has been made and relationships are beginning to be established. No response has been received from Rama to date.

- CNSC staff noted that the Regulatory Oversight Report (ROR) Reimagining initiative is ongoing and committed to keeping MSIFN informed of progress. Staff also noted they may seek MSIFN's input on draft sections of an engagement report currently being developed.

Action (CNSC): Add an update on the ROR Reimagining initiative to the October meeting agenda.

Action Item Summary

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SON EO – CNSC staff weekly meeting

September 1st, 2026

Virtual

CNSC Attendees	SON
Keely McCavitt, Jane MacDonald, Ella Myette, Ronnie Van Dalen (legal services) Jamie Melanson (Pickering consultation lead) Daniel MacDonald (Pickering Project Officer)	Stephanie Ashkewe, Miikah Keeshig, Sara Rohani (counsel)

**These draft meeting minutes are subject to review and feedback from Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON). **

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1. *WWMF*
 - a. Document request
 - b. Correspondence Package
2. *Pickering*
 - a. Intervention follow-up
3. *DNNP*
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 - b. ROR updates
 - c. NRCan

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CNSC staff received the letter from the EO regarding the OPG/CNSC WWMF correspondence request, and SON granted permission to share the letter with OPG. OPG will reach out to SON separately to elaborate on the exempted material. Staff are also preparing a response to SON to share our perspective.

SON is looking forward to OPG's and CNSC staffs responses, and asked if CNSC will respond to the question of "if this was a formal Access to Information & Privacy (ATIP) request, could SON access the redactions?". CNSC confirmed this will be addressed, and the response provides additional resources needed to pursue a Freedom Of Information (FOI) or ATIP request. SON can expect this response in a few days, as it is currently going through reviews. (sent September 14th)

CNSC staff asked SON if they had any questions about the WWMF letter sent August 6th, that outlines hearing details, funding, and suggests meeting to discuss a path forward on collaboration. SON would like to have further discussions as outlined in the letter, and have extend the invite to NAC and SON experts. Due to the Saugeen Election period, these discussions would be best once council has had an opportunity onboard.

Pickering-

CNSC staff have received and appreciate SON's intervention for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Licence renewal.

CNSC staff understand that with the changes on the Duty to Consult recommendation for WWMF, that Pickering will be a key outlet for SON to express their views for the Commission. Staff asked if OPG has been engaging with SON on Pickering, and if there were any discussions with OPG regarding the accommodations listed in SON's intervention.

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CNSC staff understand that the open-ended approach to waste management is a common thread that links the NPP's to WWMF, and that SON feels their concerns are often diverted to different forums to be addressed. For the WWMF hearing, staff plan to tie these projects together and reiterate SON's consistent concerns in staff's CMD.

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September 15th, 2026- SON EO and CNSC Weekly Meeting

Attendees

CNSC: Doug Wylie, Ella Myette, Keely McCavitt, Jane MacDonald, Ronnie Van Dalen (Counsel)

SON: Bob Nickel, Abby Green (counsel), Sam Muisse (counsel)

Agenda

- *Pickering*
 - Licensing conditions
- *WWMF*
 - Document request
 - Letter response
 - Any other updates
- *Bruce A&B*
 - Monitoring request
 - ☐ Setting up a monitoring-specific discussion
 - ☐ Response in writing
- *Other Items*
 - Meeting occurrences
 - Scone fest
 - ROR discussion
 - ☐ Booking ROR-specific meeting
 - ☐ This year's co-drafting process

Pickering

CNSC staff are following up from the PNGS discussion on September 11th. CNSC staff shared the DNNP Licence Condition (LC) language and will share the draft PNGS LC ASAP for SON's review. The draft LCH is due to the registry by Monday, Sept 21st, ahead of the hearing the week of October 5th.

CNSC staff and SON will collaborate on the language over the following months to define the LC, as the Licence Condition Handbook (LCH) will not be formalized until the Commission has made a decision on the application. SON acknowledged that the draft PNGS LC will be high-level, but they are interested in further specifying the language to reflect the accommodations in their intervention. CNSC staff added that while they will strive to support SON in this request, LCH language is often very high-level. Where possible, some of the accommodations can be delegated to WWMF and its LCH.

CNSC staff encouraged SON to share their unfiltered reflections with the Commission on this proposed path forward, or other concerns, so they can direct staff to address concern in the record of decision.

ACTION: CNSC to share draft PNGS LC for SON's review

Western Waste Management Facility

ACTION: CNSC staff will be following up to propose standalone times for a WWMF specific discussion.

CNSC staff shared that the request regarding the “regulatory history” of WWMF is moving. Some historical documents are scanned and saved in our system that will be shared in batches with SON over the coming weeks. Where documents were not scanned, it’s unclear how long it will take to access the paper records.

CNSC staff asked if SON had any questions on their recent response to SON’s letter regarding OPG & CNSC communications package. SON haven’t discussed this correspondence package with OPG yet, and are currently reviewing CNSC response. The response was shared with NAC, but some of the committee members are still onboarding.

Bruce A & B

SON EO emailed CNSC staff with questions regarding environmental monitoring for the Bruce site. While SON can expect a written response, staff proposed a discussion with the Environmental and Health safety experts from the CNSC to address questions. SON agreed with this approach and will bring their experts to the discussion, as an internal discussion with experts prompted the initial email to CNSC staff. CNSC proposed end of the month/ early October. SON will confirm experts' availability.

ACTION: CNSC staff to coordinate discussion with environmental SME and SON experts.

Meeting Frequency

CNSC staff are cognizant of SON's capacity while they experience staffing changes and NAC onboarding. CNSC proposed moving the meeting frequency to biweekly, reducing consultation fatigue, and allowing time to prepare and socialize the agenda. SON agreed that biweekly meetings would be more manageable.

Regulatory Oversight Report (ROR)

CNSC staff propose meeting next week for the discussion with CNSC's policy team on ROR changes, and then changing the frequency of meetings. CNSC staff hope to discuss an approach for drafting the sections of the 2025 ROR that are related to SON. The report would summarize community events, IEMP, TOR activities, and all engagements outside of a specific project. In previous years, CNSC staff shared drafts of ROR sections for SON review but are open to feedback and finding new ways to ease workload for SON. SON will consider plans to collaborate on ROR drafting. CNSC staff added that timelines for the final report are the fall, but to confirm next week with the policy team.

SON asked about the proposed changes to the ROR process. Staff explained at a high-level that the ROR's are moving towards a dashboard, but the consultation reporting will be a report while the policy team consults with the Nations on the path forward for modernizing its presentation.

ACTION: SON to consider the level of collaboration for the 2025 ROR drafting.

ACTION: CNSC staff to share the ROR presentation ahead of next weeks discussion (COMPLETE- Sept 17th, 2026)

SON added that next week would be a good opportunity to check in on first thoughts for the PNGS LC.

Sconefest

CNSC staff (Kevin, Keely, and Ella) are headed to SON territory for Sconefest on Saturday, Sept 19th. Staff expect to be there later than 10:30 as they are driving from Toronto that morning. SON staff will be there to greet staff and help set up.

Actions from the discussion:

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September 23, 2026

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- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) – Licence to Operate (LTO) Application – Emily and Patrick

Other Items:

- Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) - Jane
- Next meeting: October 28

Meeting Notes

NRCan presentation

- NRCan provided an overview of its review of Canada's nuclear legislative framework and outlined upcoming engagement opportunities.
- NRCan explained that the review aims to:
 - Improve regulatory efficiency and predictability;
 - Strengthen Indigenous participation in regulatory processes; and
 - Improve coordination between impact assessment and licensing processes.
- NRCan noted that current discussions are preliminary and intended to help inform a discussion paper expected in winter 2026/27.
- MSIFN noted that the four Williams Treaties Nations (MSIFN, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Alderville First Nation) may discuss providing coordinated feedback through their existing working group.
- MSIFN requested clarification regarding items identified as outside the scope of the review. NRCan clarified that the review is broader than the separate process examining the CNSC's role under the Impact Assessment Act and is not intended to revisit recently introduced legislation.
- MSIFN asked about participant funding opportunities. NRCan advised that targeted capacity funding is being finalized and additional information will be shared when available.
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- MSIFN: mentionned about deadline for them to submit comment (during winter for discussion paper) MSIFN mentionned that AFN and them already talked about maybe providing a group comment, but still need to discuss to have a final decision, also maybe to include for CLFN and HFN
- MSIFN asked about the "Not in focus" slide
 - NRCan answer ? Not looking to reinvent
- MSIFN ask if funding will be provided
 - NRCan answer- finalizing this at the moment, but there will be targeted funding

Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF)

- CNSC staff reminded MSIFN that the intervention deadline for the PHCF licence renewal hearing is October 5, 2026.
- CNSC staff asked whether MSIFN had any additional questions regarding the application.
 - MSIFN confirmed it is preparing a written intervention and is currently reviewing both the licence application and CNSC staff's Environmental Protection Review Report.
 - MSIFN advised that no additional questions were identified at this time but would reach out if clarification is required.
- CNSC staff confirmed they remain available to coordinate responses to any technical questions.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Application for Renewal, Refurbishment and Decommissioning

- CNSC staff acknowledged receipt of correspondence regarding the deep-water intake and confirmed a response is being prepared.
- CNSC staff acknowledged receipt of MSIFN's Rights Impact Assessment (RIA) feedback and advised the comments are being reviewed both for the PNGS project and for broader improvements to CNSC processes.
- CNSC staff recently reached out to arrange a discussion regarding RIA feedback prior to the hearing, while noting broader discussions can continue beyond the hearing process.
- CNSC staff provided an update regarding the proposed Licence Conditions Handbook (LCH):
 - A version of the LCH will be published once the licence becomes effective following a Commission decision;
 - The timing of publication will depend on the Commission's decision date;
 - The LCH is a living document and may continue to evolve throughout the licence period, therefore a final version is not anticipated before licence issuance.
- MSIFN advised it continues to review the proposed licence conditions and related materials with legal counsel, OPG, and partner Nations, and would provide feedback to CNSC staff following internal discussions scheduled for September 23.

Action MSIFN: Review the proposed licence conditions and Licence Conditions Handbook (LCH) internally, including discussions with legal counsel, OPG, and partner Nations, and provide feedback to CNSC staff following the September 23 meeting.

- MSIFN reiterated ongoing concerns regarding aquatic habitat offsetting related to the deep-water intake project. MSIFN noted:
 - Its preferred offset option, removal of the Goodyear Dam on Bowmanville Creek, was not accepted by DFO;
 - Additional information is still required to fully assess OPG's proposed offshore reef offset.
 - MSIFN advised they will follow up with their aquatic biologist, Brian, regarding DFO's decision not to support the Bowmanville Creek (Goodyear) Dam removal option and to further review the implications of the proposed aquatic habitat offsetting measures.
- CNSC staff advised they would explore options to ensure these concerns are reflected on the hearing record.

Action CNSC: Review the hearing transcript and work with MSIFN to develop wording that accurately reflects MSIFN's concerns regarding DFO's rejection of the Bowmanville Creek dam removal option and the associated aquatic habitat offsetting measures.

Action MSIFN: Review draft wording with their aquatic biologist and provide feedback to CNSC staff.

- MSIFN confirmed hearing logistics are progressing well and noted ongoing coordination with Commission Registry staff.

Participant Funding for PNGS

- CNSC staff confirmed that remaining participant funding may be used for hearing-related ceremonial activities, including honoraria for an Elder and drummers participating in the hearing opening ceremony.
- CNSC staff will provide written confirmation by email and return the signed amendment.
- Any expenditures will be documented through final financial reporting.
- MSIFN noted that Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations may also have remaining funding that could potentially support collective hearing activities.
- CNSC staff indicated this approach should be manageable provided it is appropriately documented in final reports.

Action CNSC Funding team: Provide written confirmation regarding the use of participant funding for hearing-related ceremonial activities and return signed amendment.

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Operate (LTO) Application

- CNSC staff advised that review of OPG's Licence to Operate Application remains ongoing.
- A Commission hearing date has not yet been established and participant funding cannot formally begin until hearing dates are set.
- CNSC staff noted that OPG's application identifies a target to begin operations in the mid-to-late 2029 timeframe.
- MSIFN noted that bridge funding has been helpful in allowing review of the application to begin in advance of the participant funding process.
 - CNSC staff advised that MSIFN's funding application was received and that a funding decision is expected within approximately 45 business days.
- CNSC staff continue to work on responses to questions raised during the September 2 Collective Michi Saagii meeting and will distribute responses with the meeting notes.
- CNSC staff also offered to provide an in-community information session on the DNNP LTO application if of interest to MSIFN.

Other Items

- **Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP)**
 - MSIFN confirmed October 8, 2026 as the preferred date for the Darlington IEMP sampling activity.
 - CNSC staff will circulate calendar invitations and logistical information.

- MSIFN asked about timelines for sampling results. CNSC staff explained that laboratory processing and analysis typically takes approximately nine months.
- MSIFN expressed interest in a future laboratory tour. CNSC staff will follow up by email regarding potential dates.

Action CNSC staff: Send calendar invitation and logistics for the October 8 DNNP IEMP sampling

Action CNSC staff: Explore a future laboratory tour opportunity for MSIFN.

Next meeting

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for **October 28, 2026**

Action Item Summary

Owner	Action Item	Status
NRCAN	Share additional information regarding the Nuclear Legislative Framework Review and continue engagement discussions with MSIFN.	
MSIFN	Discuss potential feedback approach (individual or joint submission with Williams Treaties Nations) regarding the Nuclear Legislative Framework Review.	
CNSC Staff (ICED)	Confirm approach for placing MSIFN's aquatic habitat offset concerns on the hearing record and provide draft wording for review.	
MSIFN	Review draft wording regarding aquatic habitat offset concerns with aquatic biologist and provide feedback.	
CNSC Staff (Funding)	Provide written confirmation regarding the use of participant funding for hearing-related ceremonial activities and return signed amendment.	
CNSC Staff (ICED)	Send calendar invitation and logistics for the October 8 DNNP IEMP sampling	Completed
CNSC Staff (ICED)	Follow up regarding potential IEMP laboratory tour opportunities.	In progress
CNSC Staff (ICED)	Provide responses to outstanding DNNP questions raised at the September 2 Collective Michi Saagii meeting.	In progress- Missing 1 questions to be addressed out of 2