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## **SUBJECT: Upcoming public meeting on the Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites: 2024**

Please accept this submission regarding the above-noted report to be discussed at the March 2026 commission meeting.

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

### **Musquash Volunteer Fire - Rescue**

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

The Musquash Department provides fire and rescue services for an area that encompasses nine communities and approximately 2000. We have 66 members who provide volunteer service, all of whom live within the communities. Thirteen of our members work at Point Lepreau and seven of them are part of the station's Emergency Response Team (ERT).

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

We are privileged to be long-standing partners with the PLNGS. Our members are fully trained to respond to fire and other emergencies in the specialized nuclear environment of the station – a collaborative training program which has been recognized as an industry best practice by the World Association of Nuclear Operators. That means, in the unlikely event of a station incident, Musquash Fire - Rescue is the station's first response partner. Likewise, we know we can count on the exceptional skills of the station's ERT should we need their assistance in the community.

With nuclear safety being the primary focus, our firefighters regularly participate in rigorous joint training, drills and planning sessions with station personnel.

## **SYNERGY 2024**

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

In 2024, Musquash Fire - Rescue participated in “SYNERGY 2024” – a large-scale emergency response exercise which simulated a station emergency at PLNGS. It involved local, provincial and federal agencies, including evaluation by international representatives.

The purpose was to test and demonstrate the effectiveness, readiness, and response capabilities of NB Power, the provincial government and all partners involved in the station’s emergency response, including Musquash Fire - Rescue.

Musquash Fire - Rescue acknowledges the important role we play in all aspects of protecting our community. We were proud to participate in this exercise to demonstrate our capabilities and the strong collaboration we have with PLNGS and our many dedicated partners.

## **Station ERT Fitness for Duty**

I am aware that in 2024/2025, the CNSC found NB Power in violation of the CNSC’s Fitness for Duty regulations as it relates to controlling hours of work for safety sensitive positions. I have the utmost respect for the CNSC and their critical role in keeping the people of Canada safe and acknowledge the seriousness of this violation.

On this point, however, I would like to add my personal perspective, having worked shoulder-to-shoulder with the members of the station ERT. These are some of the most dedicated and skilled professionals whom I have encountered in more than 37 years of being Fire Chief. I have also witnessed the innate safety culture at the station, where staff are encouraged to report any concerns related to Fitness for Duty. I do not question their capability or commitment and have the utmost trust in them to keep the station and our community members safe.

I believe in the actions taken to ensure this situation will not occur in the future - namely updated procedures, increased staff training and the addition of 15 emergency response positions. I have confidence the minimum staff complement will be maintained in the future.

In conclusion, the Musquash Fire – Rescue Department’s motto is **Respect, Trust & Integrity Always**.

Point Lepreau staff embodies these same values, and we look forward to continuing our long-standing relationship for many years to come, for the good of our entire community.

## **Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station Community Liaison Committee**

I would now like to comment on the PLNGS Community Liaison Committee (CLC). I have the privilege of co-chairing the committee with Kathleen Duguay, Point Lepreau's Manager of Community Affairs and Nuclear Regulatory Protocol.

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

The purpose of the Committee is to create:

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

The committee meets regularly and communication between station staff and members is ongoing between meetings, through email updates, newsletters, media advisories, etc. Information is shared openly and transparently and questions from committee members (and the groups they represent) are answered promptly. This commitment has helped build ongoing confidence and trust between the community and the station.

In 2024, PLNGS station leadership and staff continued to keep the committee well informed with timely and transparent updates on a wide range of topics including station safety and operational performance, environment and emissions reports, regulatory activities, emergency preparedness and security, and the ARC-100 SMR project.

As referenced in the CNSC's Regulatory Oversight Report, the station experienced operational challenges in 2024, with a planned maintenance outage that ran longer than planned, due to unexpected repairs on the main station generator. CLC members appreciated receiving timely, factual updates directly from station staff on this topic, given the heightened public and media interest.

In conclusion, thank you for the opportunity to share my comments. During my 54 years as a community resident and in my professional role, I continue to be impressed, year after year, with the unwavering commitment of PLNGS staff to the highest standards of safety as well as ongoing commitment to build trust with community.

Best regards,



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