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Exposé oral

**Submission from the South Bruce Grey Health Centre** 

Mémoire du South Bruce Grey Health Centre

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

Bruce Power Inc. – Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station Bruce Power Inc. - Centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

**Commission Public Hearing – Part 2** 

Audience publique de la Commission – Partie 2

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#### Quality Health Care – Close to Home

# Presentation to support: Bruce Power 10-year Licence Renewal Application



# About South Bruce Grey Health Centre

- South Bruce Grey Health Centre serves a community of approximately 44,000 people, plus 10,000 seasonal residents and 30,000 tourists.
- Four rural hospital sites located in Chesley, Durham, Kincardine and Walkerton and all provide 24-hour Emergency care.
- Kincardine Hospital, which resides in Kincardine, is the closest hospital for Bruce Power and its employees.









Chesley

Durham

Kincardine

Walkerton



#### MOU between SBGHC and Bruce Power

- In 2015, SBGHC and Bruce Power signed a Memorandum of Understanding to improve regional health care and enhance emergency services in our area.
- Since the MOU was signed a number of activities have developed which include:
  - \* Emergency preparedness enhancements
  - \* Community outreach
  - Physician Recruitment



#### **Emergency Preparedness Enhancements**

- In 2016, Bruce Power invested \$75,000 towards emergency preparedness upgrades to the Kincardine Hospital.
- Initiatives completed to date, through this funding include:
  - State-of-the-art decontamination room that will be used on an ongoing basis for training purposes and in the unlikely event of an emergency
  - \* Updates to procedures, programs and training
  - \* Bruce Power hosted *Meter Training* for nurses and physicians to educate staff on the proper monitoring protocols
  - Bruce Power provided educational awareness to SGBHC staff when Potassium Iodide tablets were distributed to local residents
  - Yearly training between Bruce Power and SGBHC staff continues to be ongoing



## Physician Recruitment

- This program, funded in part by Bruce Power, has many notable successes to our region specifically to Kincardine and Saugeen Shores.
- Since 2016, this program has prevented the possibility of 7,000 patients having to find another physician and kept the doors open in our local hospital Emergency departments.
- This continued joint venture ensures sustainable healthcare in our communities.



## **Community Outreach**

- Bruce Power supports a number of health and wellness programs in our area through their community investment program which indirectly support our patients.
- To raise awareness around mental health, Bruce Power donated more than \$80,000 to organizations directly working in Bruce and Grey Counties on mental health initiatives.
- Funding of \$1 million was contributed on behalf of Bruce Power to Kincardine Hospital in 2013 to support the expansion of Emergency services which remains ongoing.



## Summary

- We are pleased to have Bruce Power as a neighbour, and confident in their ability to continue to provide safe, reliable electricity.
- Our partnership is strong and one in which we can count on one another in terms of training, support and ongoing emergency preparedness enhancements.
- Ongoing work through our MOU will continue to build, and regular meetings will continue.
- The South Bruce Grey Health Centre supports Bruce Power's licence renewal application for 10-years.





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February 26, 2018

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#### **Dear CNSC Members:**

As President and CEO for the South Bruce Grey Health Centre, I am writing this letter to show our support for Bruce Power's application to renew its power reactor operating licence for 10-years.

The South Bruce Grey Health Centre (SBGHC) serves a community of approximately 44,000 people across four rural hospital sites located in Chesley, Durham, Kincardine and Walkerton. SBGHC employs a staff of close to 400 people and all sites offer 24-hour emergency care.

The nuclear and medical industries share a number of similarities. Both industries are well regulated, procedure driven and pride themselves in safety first. Bruce Power's adherence to safety has always been made well known to their staff and our community. The company continues to lead true to their number one value 'Safety First.'

Our Kincardine and District General Hospital is the closest hospital for Bruce Power employees. Knowing this, we work closely with Bruce Power to ensure our procedures and standards are aligned and continue to improve emergency preparedness through training staff, participating in drills and exercises, and maintaining an integrated response plan.

In 2015, Bruce Power, SBGHC and Grey Bruce Health Services (GBHS), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to continue to build on the successful working relationship we have developed over the past 16 years. I've attached the MOU for your reference, but the purpose is to improve regional health care and enhance emergency services in our area.

Since the MOU was signed, many initiatives have developed, some that include ongoing support for health care initiatives within the community, community outreach, physician recruitment, and emergency preparedness enhancements.

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In 2016 and 2017, Bruce Power donated \$75,000 to SBGHC to purchase new equipment, develop procedures and enhance training for Kincardine's emergency room. One of the upgrades from this partnership to the Kincardine Hospital was to upgrade the decontamination room that was complete in 2016 with state-of-the-art equipment. Additional training between Bruce Power and SGBHC continues to be ongoing. We continue to meet with representatives from Bruce Power on a regular basis to discuss emergency preparedness needs including partnerships in training and sharing best-practices.

Bruce Power has been a key driver in the successful physician recruitment program that is a joint initiative between Bruce Power, the Municipality of Kincardine and Saugeen Shores. This program has seen a number of full-time emergency room and family physicians as well as general surgeons relocate to our area to help offset the doctor shortage once felt in our community.

Indirectly, Bruce Power continues to be a reputable corporate business in our area that many organizations see through Bruce Power's Corporate Philanthropy Program. Bruce Power supports many not-for-profit organizations that support a number of health and wellness programs in our area. Without their support, these programs would not be as successful as they are.

We are pleased to have Bruce Power as a neighbour and confident in their ability to continue to provide safe, reliable electricity to our province.

I look forward to expanding on my letter in May, as I will present in front of your staff at the hearing.

Sincerely,

Paul Rosebush
President and CEO

and Rosebush

Attachment:

Memorandum of Understanding between Bruce Power and the South Bruce Grey Health Centre