



**Written submission from  
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada Inc.,  
Toronto and Peterborough Facilities**

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**BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada Inc.,  
installations de Toronto et Peterborough**

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Application for the renewal of the licence for  
Toronto and Peterborough facilities

Demande de renouvellement du permis pour les  
installations de Toronto et Peterborough

**Commission Public Hearing**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to submit an intervention to the CNSC for the BWXT application for license renewal in Peterborough, ON.

I currently live one block away from BWXT on Adeline Street. We bought our house and have lived in our neighbourhood for 13 years. My daughter is in her last year at Prince of Wales Public School and my son has graduated Prince of Wales PS and Kenner CVI and now attends Trent University. My partner and I had plans to live in Peterborough until our retirement. Our neighbours are all working class, blue collar, friendly people but have had their challenges. The constant increase in rent, taxes, job insecurity, opioid problems, drug overdoses in Sherbrooke Street park and Paterson Street are all indicators that this community has faced many challenges, while trying to raise their families.

I have been an active member in my community by volunteering at Prince of Wales Community Gardens and on Parent Council for over 9 years. It has been a great opportunity to teach the students how to grow their own food. The Learn to Grow program is run by students at Trent and a partnership was made with Trent Oxfam. With all the effort that the school and the community have made for these gardens, pelleting could impact the ability to continue growing food at the school because of contamination to the soil.

I spend a lot of time outside the school digging in the gardens and walking the grounds and forests that lead into the BWXT property. My children and their friends have played there, and I walk my dog in this area. It is my understanding that the area is contaminated, but there are no signs indicating this. The area has an enjoyable walking trail with wildlife and two tobogganing hills in the winter. I heard that soil testing was done around the school recently and often wonder if testing should be done regularly in the garden beds, as well. These, of course, are rumours. To date, I have not received information from BWXT to educate me on their operations. During my time as a parent council volunteer, I have not received any updates regarding operations. I have never been notified of any soil testing or results. I have never been notified of any emergency procedures, if an accident were to occur in the facility.

When my father visited one summer after we moved to Adeline Street, he pointed out that there was a turbine running at BWXT. He is a retired millwright living in Northern Ontario. He noticed the sound of it starting up, while relaxing on our front porch. The beryllium stacks are noticeable from our yard. That's when I learned that a nuclear facility was located one block away. I didn't grow up in Peterborough, how was I to know what was happening at this facility?

My father suggested attending an open house, we went to them all the time at the different paper mills or mine sites, as kids! That has never been an option, in the time that I have lived in this community.

The BWXT application to extend their license at the location on Monaghan Road now has me questioning some of their procedures and communication practices, especially around educating the public, specifically to the people or neighbours that live around their facility.

I am opposed to pelleting in Peterborough, ON. The company needs to look at an alternative location to manufacture uranium pellets, away from ALL residential neighbourhoods and schools. For the health and safety of all residents of Peterborough, pellets should not be manufactured within City limits.

I would also like to make it clear to the CNCS that the licensing period of 10 years is far too long. To this point, BWXTs commitment to communication with the public coincides with licensing hearings. It is obvious that they are not interested in hearing from the community and their neighbours. There are safety concerns that need to be addressed, especially with the close proximity to the school. I am asking that the licence is denied or limited to less than 10 years.

It's unfortunate, but my partner and I see that the only choice moving forward is to move out of our neighbourhood, we are being pushed out by this recent licensing application. I felt it was important to write a letter to express my concerns, as a mother and as a concerned citizen. There are other people in the community that may not have time to write a letter. Some are holding two part-time jobs to make rent or too busy worrying about raising their young children.

It would be a shame if the interests and profits of one company were more important than the concerns of the residents of the Prince of Wales community.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,

Beverley Peever