



**Written submission from the
Greater Oshawa Chamber of
Commerce**

**Mémoire de la
Chambre de commerce du
Grand Oshawa**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Darlington New Nuclear Project

**Projet de nouvelle centrale nucléaire de
Darlington**

Application to renew the nuclear power
reactor site preparation licence for the
Darlington New Nuclear Project

Demande de renouvellement du permis de
préparation de l'emplacement d'une centrale
nucléaire pour le projet de nouvelle centrale
nucléaire de Darlington

Commission Public Hearing

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Secretariat
280 Slater Street, P. O. Box 1046, Station B
Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Re: Ontario Power Generation Darlington Nuclear Generating Station operating license renewal

Dear Members of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission:

On behalf of our members and Board of Directors, I am writing today to express wholehearted support from the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce for Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) license renewal application to 2031 for its Darlington Nuclear Generating Station. The Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce represents and is the voice of business for over 500 Members.

Ontario Power Generation is one of largest employers in Durham Region with highly educated and skilled job opportunities now and in the future. They are a strong economic driver in Durham Region through its operations, projects, and leadership in community building organizations.

In all our dealings with OPG directly and indirectly, we have found it to be a safe, productive and engaged operator, with a strong connection to its community through both its actions and ongoing communications of all decisions. We are particularly impressed with OPG's commitment to safety in all it does, which we believe is best reflected in the Darlington station. In addition, we know full well the benefits of nuclear power as a source of clean energy and its significant contributions to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Lastly, we believe this extension is particularly critical given the fact that more sectors of the Ontario economy, such as transportation, move toward electrification, there will be a growing demand for clean power. The Darlington station is already an important part of Ontario's clean energy future, providing close to 20 per cent of Ontario's electricity, and the Darlington Refurbishment Project will ensure the facility continues to provide clean power for decades to come. An extension of the Darlington New Nuclear Project Site Preparation License will provide needed assurances for the province in planning out its energy needs for the coming ten years. In addition, to supporting the goal of hosting a grid-size Small Modular Reactor (SMRs) by as early as 2028, pending regulatory approvals. The OCC believes that SMRs and other clean energy solutions as critical to helping Ontario achieve net-zero carbon status in the future.

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The Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce is proud of the track record it has in empowering, connecting and advocating for businesses across the Region of Durham. OPG plays a significant role in our community and the importance of a strong, reliable energy grid to businesses and residences across Ontario. We strongly support the license renewal of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station through to 2031.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Shaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being more prominent than the last name "Shaw".

Nancy Shaw
CEO