



**Written submission from
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens

Application to renew its waste nuclear
substance licence for the Port Hope Project

Demande concernant le renouvellement du
permis de déchets de substances nucléaires
pour le projet de Port Hope

Commission Public Hearing

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We would like the license renewal application by the CNL for the PHAI denied. As a homeowner we find with the criteria being as it is now it shouldn't be extended. If the criteria raises for Arsenic it still shouldn't be renewed. Only if a home has a high level of Uranium should it be remediated.

CNL and it's employees should be ashamed of themselves for they way they discriminate against homeowners that raise concerns and questions about the cleanup. Some of my neighbours and I feel that we are being held for ransom and extorted if we raise questions as to why CNL moves from property to property never completing one and opening up more ground.

We've been told inconsistency's and given excuse's from CNL since 2018. Our neighbours which we share a gravel driveway with were told in 2018 exactly what was being removed and replaced prior to excavation. They were told their gravel driveway which we share was being removed and remediated and their garage which is 4 ft from ours was being removed and replaced. We were never given this courtesy from CNL. They said due to 'stack deposition' and 'characterizations of the topography' ours would be dug up to and around and then they'd let us know. This would further delay the cleanup and restoration. We would have to make a decision in a short amount of time as to whether we would then have those areas remediated as to not slow down the project. Common sense would suggest a shared gravel driveway would be remediated at the same time and would contain the same contaminants. Once they discovered our garage was contaminated underneath we were given a short period of time to make a decision. So when I asked when the restoration of our garage would take place we were told in (September of 2021 it was contaminated) we wouldn't have it returned by at least December of 2022. Meanwhile our neighbours in the next group 37 Shuter st which remediation started 9 months after ours had their garage removed and rebuilding started May 2022 and will have theirs returned in less then 6 months. Also the garage that was there previously was moved off site instead of being moved over and replaced after remediation. This garage was moved to a CNL employees house. CNL could have saved money by moving it back or offering it for purchase to other homeowners that are losing their garages during remediation.

I have met with the Mayor of Port Hope, the MP of our riding MP Lawrence the GM of the PHAI Mark Hughey the lead council of the PHAI Robert Fishlock and also CBC news to have them look into our concerns during this cleanup. I have contacted Mark Hughey numerous times with phone calls and emails for answers to no avail.

Some neighbours started months after our group get preferential treatment and have decks and steps turned over to them timely, while some of us have been waiting 10 months or more to have access to a 2nd entry or exit from our homes. If we question CNL as to why they'll never answer or say we're not on the schedule at this time. CNL is in charge of what work gets completed and where the contractors get sent each day so

it's their responsibility for timelines. They should be held accountable for the delays and liable for it. It's their incompetence that allows it. CNL doesn't have anyone to answer to and has free range to drag out the cleanup and spend more of the taxpayers money. We see the daily waste of money with CNL's mantra of 'Many Layers of Oversight' ringing in our ears. We've documented every interaction with CNL, it's employees and the lack of work being done daily on Shuter Street since 2018. CNL employees have continually said we can drop out of the cleanup at anytime meanwhile if we agree they can't give us a timeframe of when they'll restore what they've started remediating. I had a neighbour witness this interaction and he said they've never asked him to drop out of the program.

AECL's webpage says 'Transparency and Accountability' !!! When a homeowner questions as to why their property isn't being restored and other properties are that were started months after theirs they get discriminated against and CNL employees vacate their property and instruct contractors to not update or speak to those homeowners. I've heard it first hand from contractors, truck drivers and from sub-contractors to not speak to me or update me on anything. How would you feel if you had anyone working on your property and that you're not allowed any contact or input as to how things are to be completed or built? Everything is left up to CNL employees to decide how it gets done on your property and if it's not done right when you eventually get to do a walk through inspection and you find issues you'll have to file a complaint to have it settled if the Field Liason from CNL doesn't agree to have it fixed. When you file that complaint CNL then review it and get together with other CNL employees to decide how or if repairs will take place. If denied it gets escalated to the AECL for review. If that gets denied it goes to split cost mediation. If the complaint gets settled through the complaints process the homeowner either gets paid out and repairs it themselves or they then have to deal with CNL appointed contractors to drag out the process even longer. The homeowners should have input from the very beginning on how things are done on their property to make sure it's done properly and to their satisfaction. They should be allowed direct contact with contractors to be certain of builds. We've already been told we won't get the luxury of a property walk through to find deficiencies on our property upon restoration. We'll have to file through the complaints process after CNL completes a few projects if we find any deficiencies instead of a walk through with them. We pay the house taxes on our property and should have input through the whole remediation process.

CNL has given us letters about accessing our property during construction. On numerous occasions I've witnessed neighbours accessing their construction areas in the presence of CNL employees with no letters or warnings of disciplinary actions against them.

In closing we'd just like to say that if we'd have known from the start this cleanup would've taken years to complete we'd never have agreed to it and if CNL knew of a possible criteria change they should have started remediation in highly contaminated properties over the proposed threshold increase. We've felt bullied, misled, mistreated and discriminated against through the whole process from CNL the AECL and it's

employees. If we could give anyone advice on the cleanup it would to avoid it at all costs and hopefully the license renewal will be denied.

Thanks John Sypher