

## The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca, if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised not later than noon the day prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

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# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

#### Resolution

Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

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December 6, 2024

RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on November 20, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

#### Resolution

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Sincerely,



Kristina Lepik

Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. Honourable, Doug Ford Premier of Ontario;

Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;

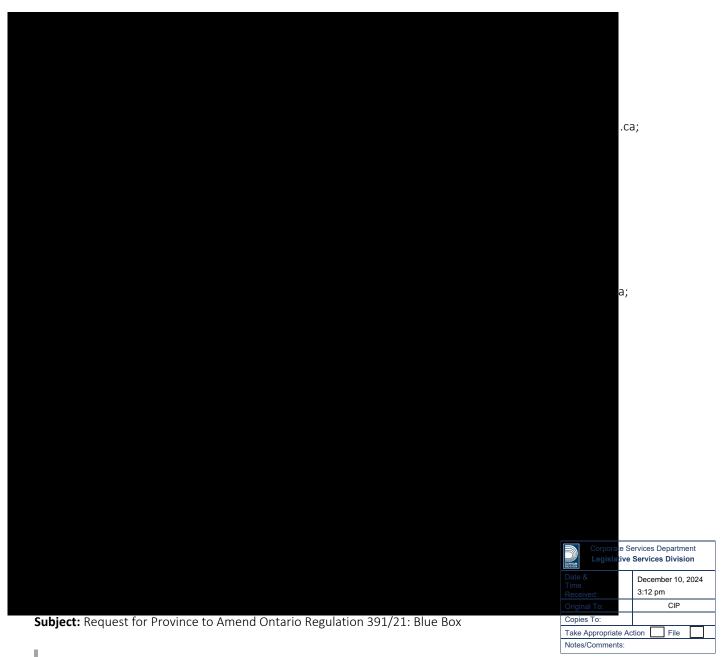
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Honourable Philip Lawrence, Northumberland – Peterborough South MP;

Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills

Development and Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP; and

All Ontario Municipalities



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To: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Please see the following resolution of the Council of the Town of Deep River regarding Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, passed at the November 20, 2024 Meeting, and respectfully submitted for your consideration.

- 4.3 Notices of Motion
- 4.3.1 Request to Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation Glenn Doncaster, Reeve, Town of Deep River

#### **RESOLUTION 2024 319**

**MOVED BY:** Reeve Doncaster **SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

**WHEREAS** under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

**AND WHEREAS** 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

**AND WHEREAS** should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

**AND WHEREAS** these costs this will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew, Nipissing Pembroke, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED** 

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Jackie Mellon Clerk Town of Deep River

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



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December 5, 2024

Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Corporate Services Department **Legislative Services Division** Date & December 06, 2024 Time 5:38 pm Received: CIP Original To: Copies To: File Take Appropriate Action Notes/Comments:

Dear Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

#### City of Port Colborne Support the Township of McGarry Redistribution of Land **Transfer Tax**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of November 26, 2024 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution from the Township of McGarry regarding Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax.

Please find attached the Township of McGarry correspondence for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden City Clerk

> Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance ec: Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre Dean Allison, Niagara West MP Chris Bittle, St. Catharines MP Tony Baldinelli, Niagara Falls MP Jeff Burch, Niagara Centre MPP Wayne Gates, Niagara Falls MPP Sam Oosterhoff, Niagara West MPP Jennifer Stevens, St. Catharines MPP Federation of Canadian Municipalities Association of Municipalities of Ontario Page 9 of 36 Ontario Municipalities



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY P.O. BOX 99,

VIRCINIATOWN, ON. POK 1X0

MOVED BY
SECONDED I

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
- 2. **Be It Further Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
- 3. **Be It Further Resolved That** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive affair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

- 4. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
- 5. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Defeated Mayor	/ Carried	Mayor
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	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane Councillor Louanne Caza Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft Councillor Francine Plante		



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December 5, 2024

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**Attention: Scott Butler** 

Scott Butler:

#### Re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Please be informed that at its regular meeting of November 27, 2024, Lambton County Council supported correspondence # PW 11-11-24 dated October 29, 2024. For your information, the following resolution was passed:

#1: White/Case: That County Council adopt the resolution in correspondence PW 11-11-24 as follows:

**WHEREAS** official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

**AND WHEREAS**, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads:

**AND WHEREAS**, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

**AND WHEREAS**, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

**AND WHEREAS**, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;



**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the County of Lambton requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

**FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

**FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Jason Cole, P.Eng. General Manager, Infrastructure & Development Services

Encl # PW 11-11-24

cc: Lianne Rood, M.P. Lambton-Kent-Middlesex Riding
Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding
Marilyn Gladu, M.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
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Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
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Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All municipalities in Ontario

From: Scott Butler < scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 6:28 PM

**To:** Stephane Thiffeault <<u>Stephane.Thiffeault@county-lambton.on.ca</u>> **Subject:** establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

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Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: County of Lambton Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: <a href="mailto:stephane.thiffeault@county-lambton.on.ca">stephane.thiffeault@county-lambton.on.ca</a>

#### Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's Ontario Road Safety Annual Report (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the County of Lambton would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Lambton requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at <a href="mailto:thomas@goodroads.ca">thomas@goodroads.ca</a> at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Butler Executive Director

Antoine Boucher President Good Roads Board of Directors



#### Town of South Bruce Peninsula

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December 4, 2024

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Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation Ministry of Transportation 777 Bay Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8 Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford and the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria,

At the December 3, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

**Whereas** rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

**And whereas** preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

**And whereas** roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums; preventing car crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

**Therefore**, **be it resolved that** the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead;

**And further that** this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support, as well as the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

#### Yours truly,



Brianna Collins, P.Eng. Director of Public Works

Cc: Ontario Municipalities Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Good Roads Antoine Boucher, President, Good Roads Board of Directors December 9, 2024

Rick Byers, M.P.P. Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound 105 – 345 8th Street East Owen Sound, ON N4K 1L3 rick.byers@pc.ola.org

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#### Re: Request for Equitable Funding for Municipal Policing

Dear Mr. Byers,

On behalf of the City of Owen Sound, the Town of Hanover, and the Municipality of West Grey, we would like to raise an important concern about fairness in funding for the provision of municipal policing.

To preserve and promote the safety and well-being of the local community, municipalities are required to fund core policing responsibilities with local tax revenue. The City of Owen Sound, Town of Hanover, and the Municipality of West Grey, along with 41 other municipalities in Ontario have elected to serve their communities with their own police services.

While we appreciate the provincial government's recent decision to provide financial relief to municipalities facing higher costs for policing services provided by the Ontario Provincial Police, we are extremely concerned that municipalities who provide local policing have not received this additional support for providing policing services to our communities.

Recent wage increases awarded to the OPP, including a substantial increase in their last contract, have set a standard that influences wage expectations for all police services in the province, including those in our communities. If we do not provide compensation that keeps pace with the wages paid by the OPP, we risk losing our officers to police services providing higher wages.

Additionally, local police services in Owen Sound, Hanover and West Grey are also dealing with many of the same pressures being experienced by communities that contract the OPP for policing services, including the significant costs associated with the implementation of the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019; the opioid crisis, homelessness and mental health issues; yet we are not receiving the same financial support from the province to manage these rising costs, and have been left to deal with these rising costs on our own. This is simply unfair.

The recent additional provincial funding to municipalities to help offset the higher OPP costs is derived from all taxpayers in the province, including the taxpayers in municipalities who provide their own police services. As such, ratepayers in Owen Sound, Hanover, and West Grey, are supporting not only their own police services, but also the communities that have contracted the OPP to provide police services.

We are asking the Ontario government to provide equitable financial relief to all municipalities, regardless of whether they are policed by the OPP or local police services. All communities face the same challenges, and every municipality deserves fair treatment and support to keep residents safe.

We urge you to advocate for Owen Sound, Hanover, and West Grey, and the other 41 municipalities in the province who provide local police services, to ensure we get the funding we need to continue providing the quality policing our residents deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Kevin Eccles Mayor Municipality of West Grey Ian Boddy Mayor City of Owen Sound Sue Paterson Mayor Town of Hanover







Cc: Premier of Ontario

**Ontario Solicitor General** 

Police Board Chairs, Owen Sound Police Services, Hanover Police Services, West

**Grey Police Services** 

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All municipalities in Ontario providing local police services

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#### CORRECTED:

Resolution from Northern Ontario Women's Caucus (NOW Caucus) WHEREAS an

arbitrator's investigation into claims of sexual harassment against

MPP Michael Mantha concluded during the investigation that the claims were substantiated:

AND WHEREAS in August 2023, MPP Michael Mantha was removed from the NDP caucus after allegations of workplace misconduct were substantiated by multiple witness interviews and video evidence:

AND WHEREAS Ontario residents have requested that the NOW Caucus request that Michael Mantha resign from his position as M.P.P. as they believe that based on the investigation that substantiated the sexual harassment allegations that he does not have the integrity and trust required of the office to effectively represent the Algoma-Manitoulin, particularly the women living in the riding;

AND WHEREAS elected officials at all levels should be held to the same standards as every working Ontarian, operating under workplace violence and harassment policies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NOW Caucus call on Michael Mantha to resign from his position as M.P.P. of the Algoma-Manitoulin Riding immediately.

AND FURTHER that this Resolution be circulated to the 444 municipalities, the office of Michael Mantha, Premier Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario NDP, Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, Mike Shreiner, Ontario Green Party, AMO, ROMA, FONOM, and NOMA.

Moved – Melanie Baril, Regional Vice Chair (FONOM Region);

Seconded: Lindsay Koch, Regional Vice Chair (NOMA Region)

**CARRIED** 

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#### The Regional Municipality of Durham

#### **MINUTES**

#### **DURHAM REGION ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE**

#### Thursday, November 28, 2024

A meeting of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce was held on Thursday, November 28, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:06 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Vice-Chair Case read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the growing Inuit communities and large Métis communities and here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Anderson\*, Regional Council Alternate

PG Case, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Vice-Chair

R. Coelho, Community Member attended the meeting at 7:13 PM

A. Frempong, Community Member

B. Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services

Councillor Lee\*, Regional Council

- B. Nelson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
- C. Oyeniran, Community Member
- N. Samuel, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Chair attended the meeting at 7:19 PM
- J. Williamson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
- G. Wilson-Beier, Community Member
- \* denotes Members participating electronically

Absent: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer

S. Bookal, Community Member T. Hancock, Community Member J. Munawa, Community Member Councillor Shahid, Regional Council

#### Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

H. Mohammed, Policy Coordinator, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

A. Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services - IT

V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### 3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by A. Frempong, Seconded by G. Wilson-Beier,
That the minutes of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting held on Thursday, October 24, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

#### 5. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

#### 6. Presentations

There were no presentations to be heard.

#### 7. Information Items

There were no information items.

#### 8. Discussion Items

#### A) Sub-Committee Updates

#### 1. DRPS Working Group

Councillor Lee provided an update on behalf of the DRPS Working Group and announced that Sargent Fiona Phillips has joined the Equity & Inclusion division at DRPS and that recurring monthly meetings with Sergeant D. Peden and Sergeant F. Phillips have been set up to facilitate ongoing discussions with DRPS.

Councillor Lee also advised that the working group is still waiting for responses to the questions posed to V. Chavannes earlier this year and an update is expected to be available at the next meeting.

#### 2. School Board Working Group

C. Oyeniran stated that there are no new updates for the School Board Working Group. G. Wilson-Beier added that the Working Group will resume discussions with the school boards in January.

#### 3. Education Working Group

A. Hector-Alexander provided an update on behalf of the Education Working Group and stated that the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Symposium that took place on October 26, 2024, was a successful event that generated meaningful conversation among the attendees, and thanked Members that attended for their contributions.

A. Hector-Alexander advised that the Working Group aims to use the information that was collected at the Symposium to develop a plan for the group's next steps with respect to exploring DEI and anti-racism strategies in the community.

#### 4. EDI Working Group

- R. Coelho provided an update on behalf of the EDI Working Group and stated that the group continues to work with the Region's Legal Division to determine how existing legislation can be applied and/or reformed in the Region to protect residents from hate-motivated incidents.
- P. Hines added that the Working Group is also developing a resource for residents that outlines steps to take in the event they experience a hate-related incident.
- A. Frempong stated that the Working Group has an interest in whether the local area municipalities have undertaken DEI surveys and shared that the Town of Whitby completed a survey in 2021, which led to the development of The IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism) Project: Whitby's Journey to Inclusivity. She further stated that the group is unaware of the outcomes of The IDEA Project and advised they will follow up with the Town in that regard.
- A. Frempong responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether other local area municipalities also completed DEI surveys; and if the group will be following up with those municipalities as well.

Detailed discussion ensued with regards to the rise in antisemitism, islamophobia, and cyber-related hate incidents, and the Committee's role in raising awareness of same; data collection following the Region's recent equity audit and area

municipalities' census statistics; and delegating at the local area municipalities to convey support of the equity audit and DEI initiatives in the Region.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether respondents of the census were employees or residents; and whether the DEI groups across the Region meet on a recurring basis to discuss issues.

#### 9. Other Business

A) Open Letter to Premier Doug Ford with Request to Invoke Notwithstanding Clause on Encampments

A. Frempong advised that several mayors from various municipalities in Ontario have sent an open letter to Premier Doug Ford requesting that he invoke the notwithstanding clause to enable municipalities to clear out homeless encampments. She stated that the mayors of Pickering, Oshawa and Clarington were signatories to the letter.

A. Frempong further stated that a counter-letter was also sent to Premier Ford from various local councillors who do not support the use of the notwithstanding clause for this purpose.

Discussion ensued with respect to the potential consequences of invoking the notwithstanding clause; whether this issue falls within the Committee's scope; and whether any action should be taken by the Committee to address same.

A. Hector-Alexander advised that multiple municipalities are currently developing encampment strategies and updates on any progress can be shared at a future meeting.

B) Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce (DRART) Member Survey Results and Discussion

A. Hector-Alexander stated that a survey was recently circulated to Members to collect feedback on overall satisfaction and the work accomplished by the Committee, and to gather suggestions regarding what improvements can be made for the remainder of the term. Results of the survey were shared with the Committee and Members were thanked for their responses.

Detailed discussion ensued with regards to Members' roles and contributions; the role of staff in supporting the Committee; the breadth of knowledge and skills of Members; effective strategies that have led to the Committee's successes to date; and suggestions for improvements that can be made for going forward, including arranging various education sessions for Members; refining the Committee's scope of activities; and hosting and attending further community events.

Moved by N. Samuel, Seconded by G. Wilson-Beier, That the Committee recess for 10 minutes. CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 8:08 PM and reconvened at 8:26 PM.

A roll call was conducted following the recess and all Members of the Committee were present, with the exception of E. Baxter-Trahair, S. Bookal, T. Hancock, J. Munawa, and Councillor Shahid.

Discussion regarding the survey continued with further recommendations including Regional resources available to Members to support their work; conducting a formal review of the Committee's Terms of Reference; key performance indicators to track the Committee's undertakings; development of resources and knowledge translation to enable Members to share information on a broader level; and strategies to increase visibility in the community.

General discussion ensued with respect to the Committee's current vacancies and the process for recruiting new members. It was noted that recruitment is now open for two (2) community members and one (1) institutional representative.

H. Mohammed stated that the survey responses shared will be compiled and distributed to the Committee.

#### 10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

#### 11. Adjournment

Moved by A. Frempong, Seconded by B. Nelson, That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED	
The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM	
Respectfully submitted,	
PG Case, Vice-Chair	
V. Walker, Committee Clerk	

### DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE (DNHC) MINUTES

#### Location

Virtual

#### Date & Time

November 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Durham Nuclear Health Committee was held on Friday, November 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM via Microsoft Teams. It was noted that livestream services were experiencing technical issues and a video recording of the meeting would be posted once available.

Comments and questions from members of the public observing the meeting can be emailed to <a href="mailto:dnhc@durham.ca">dnhc@durham.ca</a>.

#### **Attendance**

#### **Members**

Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) (Chair)

Anthony DiPietro, DRHD

Caitlyn Paget, DRHD

David Keene, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Raphael McCalla, Ontario Power Generation (OPG)

Loc Nguyen, OPG

Dr. Kirk Atkinson, Ontario Tech University (OTU)

Deborah Kryhul, Public Member

Veena Lalman. Public Member

Dr. Lubna Nazneen, Public Member

Alan Shaddick, Alternate Public Member

Bill Rattan, Alternate Public Member

Madisen Wood, Youth Public Member

Madison Kidd. Youth Public Member

#### **Presenters & Staff**

Dianne San Juan, DRHD (Secretary)

Helen Tanevski, DRHD

Roger Inacio, Region of Durham, IT- Service Delivery

Paul MacDonald, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

Nicole Simon, CNSC

Andrew Oussoren, CNSC

Cory Krasnaj, CNSC

Rebekah van Hoof, CNSC

<sup>\*</sup>The video recording was posted on December 2, 2024 on <a href="https://www.durham.video/">https://www.durham.video/</a>.

Sendi Struna, DRHD Tara Zupancic, DRHD Alex Swirski, DRHD Lindsay Hamilton, OPG

#### Regrets

Jane Snyder, Public Member Dr. Seewoosunkur Gopaul, Public Member Hardev Bains, Public Member Susan Ebata, Public Member

Dr. Robert Kyle opened the virtual meeting and welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement by Dr. Kyle.

Dr. Kyle mentioned that observers who have questions concerning presentations should email or discuss their requests with Dianne San Juan, DNHC Secretary, at <a href="mailto:dnhc@durham.ca">dnhc@durham.ca</a>.

Dianne will follow-up with each of the presenters after the meeting with the observers' questions. Dianne will report back to Dr. Kyle the outcomes of the questions received.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the September 13, 2024 meeting were adopted as written.

#### 3. Correspondence

#### 3.1. Update on the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

Received on October 15, 2024 from Ontario Power Generation (OPG). On October 2, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) held the first of a two-part public hearing to consider OPG's Licence to Construct (LTC) application. A LTC is the next phase of the regulatory process for a new nuclear power plant in Canada and would allow for construction activities on the first of four Small Modular Reactors (SMR) planned at The Darlington New Nuclear site to begin. For more information, contact 1-800-461-0034 email or visit the Public Information Centre (1855 Energy Drive, Courtice, open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

#### 3.2. Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (DNGS) Community Advisory Council

Minutes from the June 25, 2024 meeting received on October 22, 2024.

#### 3.3. Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) Community Advisory Council

Minutes from June 11, 2024 meeting received on October 22, 2024.

#### 3.4. Update from DNGS Community Advisory Council

Received on October 31, 2024 from Eileen Clark, Associate, Hardy Stevenson and Associates. The DNGS Community Advisory Council is seeking to participate in the CNSC public hearing on January 8, 2025, in support of the DNNP's Application for a Power Reactor Construction License. A list of Community Advisory Council members and Terms of Reference were also provided.

#### 4. Presentations

All meeting presentations will be made available on the Council and Committee Meetings Calendar. PDF files for each presentation can be accessed using the agenda HTML link and a video recording of the meeting can be viewed using the webstreaming link that will be provided approximately two weeks after this meeting date.

## 4.1 Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP): Update on the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Staff's Technical Assessment and the Public Hearing for the Licence to Construct

Presented by Nicole Simon, Senior Project Officer, Advanced Reactor Licensing Division, Directorate of Advanced Reactor Technologies, CNSC

#### Highlights of the presentation

- Introduction and overview of CNSC organization
- DNNP Overview
- OPG submitted a Licence to Construct application to construct a single BWRX-300 reactor facility;
- DNNP timeline discussed;
- Commission public hearings on the application for a Licence to Construct a BWRX-300 at the DNNP site: October 2024 and January 2025;
- Brief overview of the application review and hearing process;
- Explanation of Commission Member Documents (CMDs); 2 CMDs prepared for the DNNP
- CMD #1 Commission determined existing Environmental Assessment is applicable to BWRX-300 reactor (January 2024);
  - o Commission decision did not authorize construction of the reactor

- OPG Construction Application
  - Activities included in licence application discussed, including construction of a single BWRX-300 Powerblock;
  - o licence does not allow for nuclear fuel on site;
- CNSC staff assessment incorporating associated regulations, codes, standards and guidance discussed;
- CMD #2 OPG's Licence to Construct application
  - o items assessed and confirmed by CNSC discussed;
  - CNSC staff concluded that: 1) The application to construct one BWRX-300
     Powerblock at the DNNP site meets applicable regulatory requirements AND

     2) OPG has the necessary programs to safely conduct licensed activities, taking into account the implementation of all identified regulatory commitments and BWRX-300 licensing regulatory actions
- Proposed Power Reactor Construction Licence (PRCL)
  - Describes licensed activities, duration, and licence conditions
- Draft Licence Conditions Handbook (LCH)
  - provides compliance verification criteria and guidance to OPG for each licence condition; also provides guidance on removing Regulatory Hold Points (RHPs)
- RHPs
  - Set of 3 activities requiring approval of the CNSC prior to being allowed to proceed;
  - o process for removing RHPs and proposed RHPs for DNNP discussed;
- CMD #2 Staff recommendations:
  - Conclude that OPG is qualified to carry on the activities authorised by the proposed licence;
  - Authorise OPG to construct a single BWRX-300 reactor, subject to the conditions outlined in the proposed licence and Regulatory Hold Points
- More information and reports are available at <a href="https://www.cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/hearings/cmd/#hearing-202401">https://www.cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/hearings/cmd/#hearing-202401</a>

#### Questions

- Dr. Kyle: Regarding the Draft LCH: is it finalized at the staff level with input and response from OPG? Is it finalized after the Commission renders a decision with respect to the Licence to Construct?
- Nicole Simon: The Commission is the sole authority to issue the Licence and the Commission has authority over the Licence and its conditions. The LCH is a staff level document and does not require approval from the Commission. It does not replace the Licence, it explains the conditions. It is not finalized yet. It is subject to continuous revisions from input received from CNSC specialists and comments from OPG. Should the Commission issue the Licence, it will be finalized shortly after.
- Dr. Kyle: What is the date and venue for second set of hearings for the Licence to Construct?

 Nicole Simon: The venue is the Ajax Convention Centre in Ajax, from January 8-10 and 13-15 in 2025

### 4.2 CNSC Regulatory Oversight Report for Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Sites: 2023

Presented by:

Andrew Oussoren, Senior Power Reactor Site Inspector, Darlington Site Office, Darlington Regulatory Program Division, Directorate of Power Reactor Regulation, CNSC

Cory Krasnaj, Power Reactor Site Office Supervisor, Pickering Site Office, Pickering Regulatory Program Division, Directorate of Power Reactor Regulation, CNSC

Rebekah van Hoof, Project Officer, Wastes and Decommissioning Division, Directorate of Nuclear Cycle and Facilities Regulation, CNSC

#### Highlights of the presentation

- CNSC produces an annual Regulatory Oversight Report (ROR) for Canadian Nuclear Generating Stations (NGS); 2023 ROR posted on CNSC website in October 2024;
- Public Commission Meeting re: NGS ROR to be held February 25, 2025;
- General safety performance and observations discussed;
- Nuclear power plants (NPPs) and waste management facilities (WMFs) on their respective sites operated safely and complied with the applicable requirements for all safety and control areas in 2023;
- Radiation doses to the public and workers were below regulatory limits;
- Releases to the environment were within safe limits;
- Compliance verification activities discussed number of findings, reportable events, and reports discussed;

#### **Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS)**

- Pickering NGS Units 1 and 4 to shut down in 2024; Units 5-8 are operating to end of Dec 2026;
- June 2024 Public Commission Hearing held in the community to discuss OPG application to operate Units 5-8 to Dec 2026;
- On October 11, 2024, Commission authorized OPG to operate PNGS Units 5-8 to December 31, 2026;
- OPG has notified CNSC of intent to apply for authorization to refurbish Units 5-8;

- PNGS power plant and waste licenses will expire; OPG will request a consolidated license for Pickering Waste Management Facility Operating Licence (WFOL) into PNGS Power Reactor Operating Licence (PROL);
- There will be a public hearing for the licence amendment;
- OPG Safety Reports update were reviewed by CNSC staff and found to meet regulatory requirements;
- CNSC staff reviewed OPG's Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) and Predictive Effects Assessment (PEA);
- ERA and PEA results indicate that meaningful human health or ecological risks attributable to PNGS operations are unlikely;

#### **Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (DNGS)**

- DNGS refurbishment activities discussed;
- DNGS PROL is expiring November 2025; relicensing hearings to be held in 2025
- Part 1 of hearings will be held on March 26, 2025 in Ottawa; Part 2 will be held in the community on June 24-26, 2025; members of the public can provide interventions during Part 2 of the hearings; location is to be determined;
- Periodic Safety Review 2025-2035 completed by OPG (comparison of existing plant against modern codes and standards); CNSC will be monitoring implementation
- DNGS radioactive isotopes discussion: The Commission amended OPG's license in spring 2024 to allow for Co-60 production in all 4 reactors;
- OPG has applied to amend the PROL to produce additional medical isotopes using the Target Delivery System (TDS) – hearing in writing expected to take place in early 2025
- The dose to the public from DNGS remained below the regulatory limit of 1 millisievert per year;
- Releases of radiological substances remained below the derived release limits;

### Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) and Darlington Waste Management Facility (DWMF)

- OPG processes and stores dry storage containers (DSC) containing used nuclear fuel generated at PNGS and DNGS, as well as intermediate level waste generated from refurbishment activities at PNGS and DNGS;
- OPG met their target of transferring DSCs from PNGS to PWMF and from DNGS to DWMF;
- OPG operated PWMF and DWMF in accordance with the regulatory requirements;
- Releases to environment from the PWMF and DWMF were below regulatory limits and action levels;
- OPG is no longer required to monitor particulate emissions from the DSC processing building at the PWMF and DWMF; previous results from particulate emissions monitoring were less than 0.05% of limits in their licence.

#### **PWMF**

- OPG applied and CNSC authorized OPG to process and store a maximum of 100 DSCs containing a minimum of 6-year cooled fuel.
- OPG has loaded 2 DSCs to confirm that temperature and dose measurements meet modelling predictions; OPG to submit a commissioning report to CNSC for review;
- OPG is requesting authorization to construct and operate a new structure, Pickering Component Storage Structure (PCSS), to store low and intermediate level waste from future Pickering decommissioning activities and proposed refurbishment activities of Pickering units 5-8

#### **DWMF**

 CNSC staff approved OPG to carry out the site preparation and construction for used fuel dry storage structure #3; commissioning report will be submitted in January 2025

#### Additional information:

- The Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites for 2023 has been posted on CNSC's website;
- This document will be presented to the Commission as part of the February 25-26, 2026 Commission Meeting;
- To access this document, please go to the following link and select document titled 'CNSC Staff Submission - Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites for 2023': <a href="https://www.cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/meetings/cmd/#meeting-20250225-20250226">https://www.cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/meetings/cmd/#meeting-20250225-20250226</a>
- For more information about participation in a public meeting, please go to: <a href="https://www.cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/meetings/participate/">https://www.cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/meetings/participate/</a>

#### Questions

- Dr. Kyle: For 2023, if the industry fails to meet satisfactory requirements, and CNSC keeps an eye on that indicator, is a rating in the 2024 Annual Report how we monitor improvements on this indicator?
- Cody Krasnaj: If a declining trend in performance is detected, regulatory oversight
  activities are increased in that area. For example, increasing the number of inspections
  performed on site, field interviews, and desktop reviews throughout the year. This
  provides better confidence that corrective actions are being taken by the licensee. For
  security specifically, CNSC conducted a bigger inspection in January of this calendar
  year and did see improvements that will be reflected in the 2024 ROR.
- Veena Lalman: There is no more requirements to monitor the air quality from the stack?

- Rebekah van Hoof: This is specific to the PWMF and DWMF processing buildings. The
  processing buildings at both these sites contain the DCFs, where the lids are welded to
  the containers. Last year, OPG requested to stop stack monitoring in these buildings.
  They demonstrated that releases were so low (<0.05% of release limits). CNSC has
  allowed OPG to stop monitoring stack emissions from these buildings, however stack
  emissions continue to be monitored by OPG.</li>
- Raphael McCalla: Operating these buildings for over 20 years, it's been found that
  particulate emissions are below background. Environmental monitoring program is still
  taking place. Stacks from reactor buildings continue to be monitored.
- Alan Shaddick: The DNNP Jan 8<sup>th</sup> hearing is public?
- Raphael McCalla: Yes this hearing is open to the public, at the Ajax Convention Centre.
- Cody Krasnaj: This hearing will be livestreamed as well.

### 4.3 Climate Change and Health in Durham Region: Assessing the Impacts of Extreme Heat

Presented by Tara Zupancic, Climate Change and Health Specialist and Alex Swirski, Epidemiologist, Durham Region Health Department

#### **Highlights of the presentation**

- Background information provided on mandate and report series;
- Health impacts from climate change are on the rise; healthcare systems will be stressed by a wide range of climate-driven emergencies and some people face greater risks from climate hazards;
- A recent public health survey showed that although Durham Region is already experiencing the effects of climate change, most residents do not believe they will be harmed by it;
- Need to better understand and communicate risks, as well as actions we can all take to reduce them;
- Health risks and impacts depend on three main factors: exposure, sensitivity and adaptive capacity; people who experience all three factors of heat vulnerability are at greatest risk; for example, an older adult, who lives alone without air conditioning would experience all three factors of heat vulnerability and would be at high risk of harm during an extreme heat event;
- Extreme heat events in Durham Region are expected to more than double in the coming decades;
- Heat tolerant, nature-based solutions that can cool neighbourhoods and increase heat resilience are important for counteracting the increased land surface temperatures associated with the projected expansion of urban heat islands
- Local health impacts: 30°C + associated with increased emergency room visits; increased health risks from overnight heat; increased risk of illness and death at beginning of heat season;
- Health burden likely underreported among older adults;

- Air conditioning is one of the most effective ways to reduce heat exposure and prevent illness and mortality during extreme heat events;
- Durham's seven priority health neighbourhoods: generally, have greater health inequities and higher rates of chronic health conditions, like asthma or heart disease, that can increase the risk of heat related illness and mortality;
- These neighbourhoods are located in urban heat islands (Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa) and have the highest proportion of rented homes which are more likely to have building characteristics associated with higher indoor air temperatures, as well as a lack of access to air conditioning;
- Strengths and resources discussed;
- Durham Region's Heat Warning and Information System (HWIS): provides community
  partners with advance warning of extreme heat events so they can activate their heat
  response plans;
- Durham Greener Homes Program: includes an income-qualified incentive for airsource heat pumps that can provide cooling to low-income households;
- Knowledge gaps discussed;
- Key message: Health impacts are severe but often preventable;
- Reports and additional information are available at www.durham.ca/ClimateAndHealth

#### Questions

- Dr. Kyle: Can you provide more information on your Heat Hacks Infographic, and where to access reports, etc..?
- Tara: All reports are available on the website, <u>www.durham.ca/ClimateAndHealth</u>. You can also subscribe to receive updates to new information/reports to your email inbox.
  The heat hacks tool can be found at durham.ca/heat; it includes suggestions you can do to prepare for extreme heat when you do not have air conditioning.
- Dr. Kyle: There are other vulnerability assessments in the works and are expected to be released in 2025?
- Tara: The next reports in the series include solar UV radiation, vector-borne disease, extreme weather, food and water impacts and air quality impacts;
- Veena Lalman: I am just curious, do you consider the climate resilience of existing or future structures?
- Tara: There are key characteristics of existing housing that make them more vulnerable
  to extreme heat. Our sustainability group is also looking at this for future buildings to try
  to make them more energy efficient and heat resilient;
- Dr. Lubna Nazneen: What is Heat island that you mentioned in one of the earlier slides
- Tara: An urban heat island has built-up infrastructure, buildings, roadways, industry and vehicle exhaust, and a lack of green space. This contributes to local areas that heat up faster and are hotter than forecasted temperatures. Urban heat islands absorb heat during the day and release it at night therefore not much cooling in the evening, even

- though the temperature goes down. It is harder to lower indoor temperatures in these areas.
- Alex: It can go up by 6 degrees difference, in the city compared to surrounding areas, so it is a significant increase.

#### 5. Communications

#### 5.1 Community Updates at Pickering Nuclear and Darlington Nuclear

Lindsay Hamilton, Senior Manager, Corporate Relations and Projects, Corporate Affairs, OPG, provided community updates for Pickering and Darlington NGS:

- Community engagement activities discussed; more than 4700 community members were reached during the various events;
- Electrifying Education program visited schools across the Region of Durham and hosted students for Take your Kids to Work Day;
- Darlington Refurbishment Project; Unit 1 complete; Project tracking on time for 2026 completion;
- OPG submitted an application for renewal of the DNGS Power Reactor Operating Licence (expires Nov 2025); requesting a 30-year licence renewal 2025 – 2055; CNSC hearing in March and June 2025 to consider this application;
- Public Information Sessions: opg.com/durham
- Licence renewal process information: www.cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca
- OPG to begin discussions on potential sites in Port Hope, Haldimand County, Lambton County to meet soaring demand for electricity (the province's demand for electricity is forecasted to increase by 75% by 2050);
- Province is on track to meet demand through 2035, but will need new generation to meet demand through 2050; discussions will include how communities will be supported

#### 6. Other Business

- 1) Dates for 2025 DNHC meetings are as follows:
  - February 7, 2025, 1:00 pm
  - April 25, 2025, 1:00 pm
  - June 20, 2025, 1:00 pm
  - September 26, 2025, 1:00 pm
  - November 28, 2025, 1:00 pm

Meetings will continue to be held virtually via the TEAMS platform and available for the general public to observe via livestream.

2) Dr. Kyle acknowledged the technical difficulties experienced at the beginning of this meeting. The recording of the meeting will be posted as soon as possible.

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#### 2) Reminders:

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#### 7. Next Meeting

**Date & Time**February 7, 2025 at 1:00 PM
Virtual via Teams

### **8. Adjournment** 2:51 PM