Oral Presentation

Submission from Grey Bruce Health Unit

In the Matter of

Bruce Power Inc. – Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station

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

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

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Mémoire de Grey Bruce Health Unit

À l’égard de

Bruce Power Inc. - Centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

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

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BRUCE POWER SUPPORT AT A GLANCE

- Bruce Power Sponsorship Program
- Indigenous Community Investment Fund
- Opioid Working Group (a working group of the Community Drug and alcohol strategy)
- Partner in child and youth safety as well as recreation and physical activity (PLAY)
- Youth summit
- Emergency planning
BRUCE POWER’S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS HELPS SUSTAIN A PATH TOWARDS GOOD HEALTH FOR ALL OUR RESIDENTS
We recognize Bruce Power for demonstrating good corporate social responsibility and as an important and fully dedicated partner as we work together at every level to build healthier communities.
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To Whom it May Concern:

The submission is in support of the application for 10-year operating licence renewal at Bruce Power.

It is the mandate of the Grey Bruce Health Unit to support a shared effort with our local partners to foster healthy communities; that is, to encourage the conditions in which people can be healthy. The determinants of good health are shaped by a variety of factors including the social, economic and physical environment. Each of these factors must be nurtured in a positive manner as they all play a significant role in influencing healthy choices and actions.

Bruce Power has, and continues to play, an important role in contributing to healthy communities and the overall betterment public health in Grey and Bruce counties. As the area’s largest employer, their positive influence on the over-all well being of the region is seen through improved income levels, healthy workplaces, educational opportunities and strengthened community support networks. As the final report of the World Health Organization Commission on Social Determinants of Health states “Fair employment and decent working conditions... can help eradicate poverty, alleviate social inequities, reduce exposure to physical and psychosocial hazards, and enhance opportunities for health and well-being.”

The Bruce Power Sponsorship Program reflects the organization’s commitment as active partner to support initiatives that benefit communities in areas of health and wellness, youth, environment and citizenship.

The Indigenous Community Investment Fund demonstrates a concern to unique and high risk communities through support for local community wellness initiatives in the areas of education, environment, training and youth development in our local First Nations and Métis communities.

Through their contributions to many of our public health programs, Bruce Power helps to sustain a path towards the good health of our residents.
Bruce Power is an engaged member of the local Opioid Working Group (a working group of the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy). The Opioid Working Group brings together a variety of community partners to form a local response to the current opioid crisis. Bruce Power has long been a partner in child and youth safety initiatives. They have, in the past, participated in support of car seat programs, bike helmet promotion, SMARTRISK injury prevention programming in schools and the Children’s Safety Village at Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

In the area of youth dental health, Bruce Power has funded to oral health awareness programs in the schools and in a promotion encouraging students to crink water rather than sweetened beverages.

Bruce Power assists the recreation and physical activity needs of our communities. They contribute to the Longest Day of PLAY. This event raises awareness of the importance of daily physical activity and encourages residents to get more active. The Longest Day of PLAY has proven so popular locally it has been adopted by ParticipACTION as a national event. Bruce Power has also provided significant financial assistance for community recreation facilities in Owen Sound, Hanover and Port Elgin.

In the area of youth, Bruce Power has designated funds to support a youth summit that will train peer leaders on topics of mental health and substance use. Following the summit, the peer leaders will facilitate a variety of campaigns, activities and events in their schools to help promote positive mental health in the school setting while educating their peers about the harms of substance use.

In the area of emergency planning, the development and publication of the booklet Be Prepared Grey/Bruce/Huron Your personal guide for community safety is a valuable resource to assist residents in to prepare for and respond to a broad range of emergencies. Bruce Power’s commitment to emergency planning is also demonstrated in the rigor of annual testing of their plans and procedures in responding to a nuclear emergency including supporting the specific public health roles outlined in the Radiation Health Response Plan.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit relies on partners working together at every level to build healthier communities. We recognize Bruce Power for their role as a good corporate citizen and an important and fully dedicated partner in these efforts.

Together we build healthy communities,

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