



**Written submission from the
Town of Ajax**

**Mémoire de la
ville d’Ajax**

In the Matter of

À l’égard de

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station**

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
centrale nucléaire de Pickering**

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear
Power Reactor Operating Licence for the
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

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 Pickering

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

**Audience publique de la Commission –
Partie 2**

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission,
c/o Louise Levert, Senior Tribunal Officer
Secretariat,
280 Slater Street,
P.O. Box 1046, Station B
Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Dear Commission Members:

It has come to our attention that Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has applied for a ten-year operating license renewal for Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. The Town of Ajax submits this letter as a written intervention.

We base our comments on regular communication with OPG, active participation on Pickering Nuclear's Community Advisory Council, and a review of Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission site staff's assessment of station operations.

We understand OPG meets all the criteria for a ten-year license renewal. We also understand that the station is being safely operated and maintained in a manner that provides for the health and safety of employees and our community residents, as well as mitigates any environmental impacts.

OPG proactively communicates with Ajax Town Council and residents through face-to-face discussions, public meetings (such as the delegations to Town of Ajax Council, Community Advisory Council and Durham Nuclear Health Committee), community newsletters, newspaper advertisements, Community Information Sessions, and operating an Information Centre. They provide fulsome responses to any questions or concerns that are understandable to the general public.

OPG is a good corporate citizen and supports over 140 grass roots community initiatives and organizations with funding and in-kind support. The Town sincerely appreciates these efforts, which are indicative of OPG's commitment to safety, education, environmental stewardship, and the community's well-being.

In light of its recent announcement to continue commercial operation of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station until December 31, 2024, followed by a stabilization phase, safe storage and decommissioning, the Town will continue working with OPG to enable it to fulfill its commitments to:

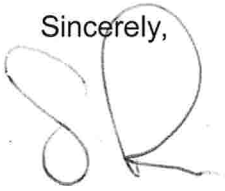
- continue operating and maintaining Pickering Nuclear with safety to the public and staff as their overriding priority;
- invest \$290 million dollars to modernize plant components and ensure safety, and increase inspections and maintenance of key reactor components;
- implement the results of the Periodic Safety Review;

- continue to operate and communicate in an open and transparent manner;
- continue to be a positive economic driver in their host communities; and
- continue to be a leader in community building.

At its meeting on April 23, 2018, Town of Ajax Council endorsed a motion adopted by the Region of Durham Council on April 11, 2018. An excerpt of the minutes from the Region of Durham Council meeting held on April 11, 2018 has been enclosed with this letter (See ATT 1: Excerpt from the Region of Durham Council Minutes – April 11, 2018).

In conclusion, based on our communications with OPG and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission site staff's recommendation, the Town of Ajax supports OPG's request for a ten-year renewal for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station operating license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SP', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Steve Parish
Mayor

ATT 1: Excerpt from the Region of Durham Council Minutes – April 11, 2018

6. Information Report #2018-INFO-41: Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP) – Update

[CARRIED]

Be it resolved that Durham Regional staff be mandated to make a submission to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) regarding Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) application for a ten-year licence for the Pickering nuclear station;

That in the submission staff highlight Durham Region's ongoing support for transparency, public consultation, strengthening emergency preparedness wherever feasible, protection of vulnerable communities, and world-class public safety as outlined in motions passed by council in 2014, 2015 and 2017;

That the submission commend and thank the CNSC for its issuance of strengthened potassium iodide (KI) distribution requirements in 2014;

That the submission encourage the CNSC to ensure the province implements its updated Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP) in a timely, transparent and accountable manner;

That the submission request the CNSC encourage the province to release the technical assessment it has commissioned to identify whether evacuation zones or KI distribution distances should be expanded;

That the submission reiterate Durham Region's request for funding to be made available to address any additional planning, public education and implementation costs related to the new requirements included in the 2017 PNERP or related implementation plans;

That Durham Region requests the CNSC include a licence requirement obligating OPG or the government of Ontario to provide appropriate funding to Durham Region for the implementation of the 2017 PNERP or related implementation plans.

That Durham Region be compensated for the storage of nuclear waste until such time as nuclear waste is stored in a permanent nuclear waste site and compensation is then provided for the permanent waste storage host community.

And finally, be it further resolved:

That Durham Region requests OPG prepare and publish plans on how it will mitigate negative impacts of the station's retirement, including transition plans for affected workers, in advance of the stations' closure.