



**Written submission from the
Council of the Town of Laurentian
Hills**

**Mémoire du Council of the Town
of Laurentian Hills**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard des

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)

Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens (LNC)

Application from the CNL to amend its
Chalk River Laboratories site licence to
authorize the construction of a near surface
disposal facility

Demande des LNC visant à modifier le permis
du site des Laboratoires de Chalk River pour
autoriser la construction d'une installation de
gestion des déchets près de la surface

**Commission Public Hearing
Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
LAURENTIAN HILLS

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Via email interventions@cnscccsn.gc.ca

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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**Re: CNSC Notice of Public Hearing Ref. 2022-H-07 - Written Support for
Canadian Nuclear Laboratories application to amend its Chalk River Laboratories site
licence for the construction of a Near Surface Disposal Facility**

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills, I am pleased to submit our comments of support for the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) project to be located at Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) site.

The Town of Laurentian Hills surrounds both the Town of Deep River (the host municipality) and the CRL site. The only public access to the site is over the Town's municipal road (Plant Road) located in the settlement of the Village of Chalk River. Of the Town's population of 2960, approximately 1200 residents live in the Village of Chalk River. Chalk River is the closest residential area to the site and as such, the Town has a direct interest in the projects and undertakings that happen at the CRL site.

CNL is building a new foundation for Canada's future innovation in nuclear science and technology. They have made a commitment to infrastructure renewal at the Chalk River campus and have identified the need for a low-level waste disposal facility. The NSDF will allow CNL to clean up the CRL site, decommission aging redundant nuclear facilities, remove contaminated soils and isolate these materials from the environment.

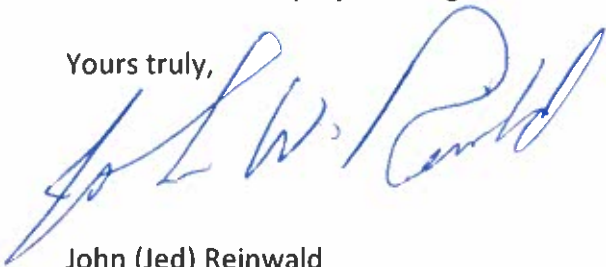
If planning for the legacy radioactive waste that currently exists at the CRL site is not part of a long-term disposal plan, when will it be dealt with? The proposed NSDF project has found a solution for dealing with the low-level waste. This legacy waste should not be left for future generations to deal with.

CNL has provided Council with an update on the proposed NSDF. Council trusts the process, the research, the expertise and the regulations and oversights that are in place for this project. We are confident that CNL's experience with the Port Hope Area Initiative Port Granby project

and their commitment to the safety and the protection of people and the environment will continue with the NSDF project and provide a long-term solution to safely managing low-level waste

Council supports CNL's vision of the future and recognizes the stability and economic growth that CRL and this project brings to our community and the surrounding municipalities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John (Jed) Reinwald". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John (Jed) Reinwald
Mayor