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**Oshawa Council Motion to Oppose OPG's Deep Geologic Repository for Medium and Level Nuclear Waste**

Dear Mayor Henry:

We were disappointed to learn that Oshawa City Council passed a motion last week opposing Ontario Power Generation's plan to construct a Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) at Kinkardine for the storage and disposal of OPG's medium and low level waste.

We believe that Council would have come to a different conclusion had Council members taken the time to understand the science that underpins the Joint Review Panel's decision to recommend that the project should proceed. The DGR Joint Panel, after hearing and deliberating over many hours of expert testimony about the project, recommended that the DGR should be built now rather than later. The Panel concluded that there is a strong safety case for the DGR to be located at the Bruce Site, and that public health and safety will be protected by the defence in depth strategy used in the DGR design and site selection.

We have always considered Oshawa to be an informed and supportive nuclear host community that understands the benefits that nuclear energy brings to the people of Ontario and in particular those living near the nuclear power plants. Indeed many residents of Oshawa work at OPG or at OCI companies in the region that supply equipment and services to OPG, including nuclear engineers and scientists trained at UOIT. As a member of Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) Oshawa, as part of the Durham Region, is on record supporting the project

The project has undergone the most rigorous form of environmental assessment and the Joint Review Panel has recommended that the federal Minister of Environment approve the project. This recommendation was based on evidence collected and studied for over a decade showing that the project will have no adverse environmental effects.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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