

## Toronto Community Liaison Committee Meeting Record

Meeting Date: March 31, 2022

**BWXT NEC:** Natalie Cutler, Director, Communications & Government Relations

David Snopek, Director, EHS & Regulatory Affairs

Jack Chong, Shop Supervisor

Kathleen Augustin, Communications & Community Relations Specialist

**CLC Members:** R Church. R. Desrochers, P. Feinstein, H. Fleisher, L. Irvine, J. Wickenden, D.

McNee, B. Moroz, J.J. Santano.

Absent: P. Correia, H. Dougherty, J. Ker.

Guests: None.

## **Action Items:**

|     | Action Item   | Status                     |
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| 1.  | Share video content and infographics with CLC.  | Ongoing                    |
| 2.  | Review door-do-door approach and plan with CLC.   | Hold (pending<br>COVID-19) |
| 3.  | BWXT to review providing Indigenous Relations training with CLC   | Closed                     |
| 4.  | Effective Science Communication workshop  | Closed                     |
| 5.  | 2021 Evaluation Feedback: BWXT to provide more information on giving back, community events, etc. CLC to provide ideas.                                   | Open                       |
| 6.  | 2021 Evaluation Feedback: Guest speakers, specific to Toronto operations.   | Open                       |
| 7.  | 2021 Evaluation Feedback: BWXT to review additional translation services for the community in addition to Portuguese (i.e. Spanish, Italian, Vietnamese). | Open                       |
| 8.  | Orientation Tours for CLC members (share COVID-19 safety protocols in advance of meeting if held in person)   | Open (pending<br>COVID-19) |
| 9.  | CLC Members to provide new CLC Co-Chair   | Open                       |
| 10. | BWXT to ask if 980 Lansdowne contact would like to be added for regular email updates.  | Open                       |

## **Discussion Notes:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually. The meeting began with a roundtable of introductions, overview of the agenda and a safety moment.

Cutler reviewed the action items from the previous meeting.



Cutler then provided the CLC with an overview of the actions from the Canadian Centre for Science Communications workshop that three CLC members participated in on February 28, 2022. The actions are as follows:

- BWXT to review public website and materials and make improvements more safety messaging and include "bottom line, so what and supporting information."
- BWXT to work on making information understandable for grade 5-6 level
- BWXT to add more science information, less information about BWXT
- BWXT to add more photos of employees with product
- BWXT to make sure information is available for all types of learners
- BWXT to simplify tables and information on emissions

Augustin shared the recently updated Emergency Response webpage with the CLC and outlined the ways in which the page has been improved using feedback and information learned from the workshop. A few CLC members shared they were pleased with the improvements. A CLC member asked if BWXT had ever participated in school outreach or discussed the idea of ambassadors at local schools to share information about BWXT. Another CLC member noted that nuclear can be divisive and shared that it would be beneficial to have data communicated via multiple outlets and that not all messaging needs to come from BWXT. The same CLC member also shared that it could be problematic if BWXT is going to schools to share information about the industry and noted it would be more appropriate for BWXT to only share detail on its operations. Cutler shared that BWXT has not had school ambassadors but has done some outreach in Peterborough where students come on-site for a tour to better understand the operations and encourage students to pursue a career in the industry.

Cutler then asked the CLC to share any updates and feedback. She noted that the CLC Co-Chair position is now open as the previous CLC Co-Chair has reached the end of her term with the CLC and asked any interested members to reach out if they are interested. A CLC member noted that she would be interested in a guest speaker to discuss supply chain in the industry (i.e. where the uranium comes from and how it is mined). The CLC member also asked whether BWXT needed to update its safety scenarios with the new build occurring at 980 Lansdowne. Snopek shared that BWXT has been aware of the new build for many years and that the safety case did not need to be updated because the safety case already looks at consequences from construction and the case does not change due to this new build. Another CLC member shared unfortunate news that an activist in the community who had been involved at the March 2020 Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) hearing recently passed away.

Next, Snopek noted that each year BWXT and similar licensees submit an Annual Compliance Report (ACR) to the CNSC. He shared that this report outlines performance from the prior year and the CNSC reviews the report, along with their information collected, and forms a report for the Commission. He noted at the end of the year, the CNSC presents their report and data to the Commission at a public meeting. Snopek shared that the 2021 ACR for BWXT is not yet available as



an extension was granted by the CNSC as BWXT is currently waiting on some data from our thermoluminescent dosimeter vendor. He let the CLC know that once the report is complete and submitted to the CNSC that it would be shared publicly.

Snopek continued on to share that BWXT in Toronto will be conducting emergency drills and an exercise this spring. He noted that the drills are expected in April and May and the exercise is likely to occur in June. Snopek shared that local first responders participate to ensure a coordinated approach and that the CNSC attends the June exercise and witnesses and evaluates our response. Augustin informed the CLC that BWXT would be sharing this information with the public via a multipronged approach, using: social media, website, email updates, targeted Facebook advertising and mailers to ~6,500 neighbours. She also shared that on drill days, BWXT will hang fence banners and update the public toll-free phone line and website banner to inform the public that a drill is occurring that day. Augustin showed the CLC a preview of the mailer and noted that the backside would be translated to Portuguese, similar to how newsletters are sent.

Next, Cutler shared that there had been no public disclosures for the Toronto site since the last meeting and noted that the public website is up-to-date with all past public disclosures. She also shared an update on Indigenous relations, outlining that BWXT is committed to positive and progressive Indigenous relations. Cutler shared that BWXT in Canada joined the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) in 2017 and has been actively participating in their Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program. She continued to share that BWXT is applying for Certification with CCAB and will participate in a full day verification this summer. Cutler noted that BWXT's Indigenous Relations Committee meet every 6 weeks and works to make progress in the four PAR Drivers: Leadership Actions, Employment, Business Development, and Community Relationships. A CLC member shared that he is leading Indigenous relations at his company and noted that they are experiencing difficulty finding alignment with Indigenous businesses as the industry he works for is highly regulated. Augustin then informed the CLC that BWXT employees in Toronto participated in the Coldest Night of the Year event on February 26th and raised \$580 for Oasis Dufferin Community Centre. She asked CLC members to share any ideas they may have for community support and volunteering.

Cutler then shared with the CLC that BWXT participated in a Judicial Review hearing on March 21-22, 2022 virtually. She noted that the Peterborough community group, Citizens Against Radioactive Neighbourhoods (CARN) was represented by Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA). A CLC member asked when a decision would be made. Snopek noted that this process typically takes a few months and that no formal date has been communicated. Cutler also informed the CLC that construction is underway at 980 Lansdowne, directly across the road from the Toronto facility. She shared that BWXT has established a contact for ensuring tenants know about the facility and operations. A CLC member shared it would be good for BWXT to ask if the contact would like email updates on the facility. Before the meeting ended, Cutler mentioned the next meeting would be held in May or June and that pending COVID-19 restrictions, BWXT would like to hold the meeting in



person and offer tours to new members. A CLC member noted that it would be helpful to understand the COVID-19 safety protocols in place before they make their decision.

The meeting terminated.