

Peterborough Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Record

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

BWXT NEC: Andy Collyer, Director, Fuel Operations
Monifa Miller, Senior Director, Corporate Affairs & Enterprise Initiatives
Kathleen Augustin, Manager, CO Communications & Community Relations
Vera Carter, Manager, EHS & Licensing
Krissy Edwards, Communications Specialist

CLC Members: Christopher Adlam, Jules Besseling, Brad Conlin (representative from Prince of Wales Public School), Fereydoon Diba (representative from Fleming College), Jeff Gibson, Bruce Roxburgh, Lorne Schantz, Liz Stone, Lora Vassiliadis, Kevin Whitmore (representative from Trent University)

Absent: Julie Bromley (representative from Peterborough Public Health), Rebecca Schillemat (representative from Peterborough & The Kawarthas Home Builders Association)

Guests: Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO):

- Chantelle Gascon, Municipal Relations Manager
- Kevin Jeffrey, Municipal Relations Associate
- Ulf Stahmer, Senior Transportation Engineer

Action Items	Status
Invite potential guest speakers (non-industry representative).	Open
BWXT to add more information on its website about buildings occupied on Monaghan Road – aerial map.	Open
BWXT to invite Creative Fire to a meeting to share information about the Indigenous Relations Roadmap process → planning for September meeting.	Open
BWXT to look in to procuring new 'Drill in Progress' banners using simple text & brighter colours.	Open
BWXT to inquire with GE about hanging additional Emergency Drill banners along the fence – including one on Albert Street.	Open

New Action Items from June 10, 2025	Status
BWXT to share NWMO presentation slides and the Facebook group link with CLC members	Closed
BWXT to notify CLC members about soil sampling dates when confirmed.	Closed
BWXT to review CLC member's suggested methods of gathering public feedback.	Closed

Discussion Notes:

Augustin welcomed all attendees and began the meeting with a land acknowledgment followed by agenda review. Edwards then provided a safety moment. Augustin then reviewed open and ongoing action items from previous meetings.

Next, Edwards provided an update on community engagement efforts. Edwards noted that BWXT and Prince of Wales Public School coordinated a Career Day for students to learn about opportunities at BWXT's Peterborough location. She also noted that some employees volunteered to do a perimeter clean up around the school and company sites. Edwards reported that BWXT held a Community Connect Booth at Lansdowne Place on May 8-9, noting that over 115 people visited the booth to learn more. Edwards continued to note that Augustin attended the Rotary Club of Peterborough's lunch in May as BWXT was a sponsor of their Rotary Environmental Innovators Fund. Edwards informed the committee that BWXT will be attending the Living Well Senior Showcase at the Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre on June 18 and encouraged CLC members to attend if interested. Edwards continued to note that BWXT recently hosted some meetings and tours:

- Chief Simpson and Department Leads from Alderville First Nation
- MPP Dave Smith
- Mayor Leal, Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management, and Darryl Julott, Director of Economic Development

Edwards shared that BWXT recently filmed a video with the Peterborough & Kawartha Chamber of Commerce, noting it would be posted on social media soon. She also shared that the Spring/Summer Community Newsletters were recently sent and outlined that the monthly email updates continue to be shared along with social media advertisements. Edwards asked CLC members to share ideas and feedback for enhancing engagement. CLC Member Stone mentioned that individuals who attended the Community Connect Booth in May reported a positive experience. No additional feedback or suggestions for community engagement were shared. Augustin encouraged CLC members to join the new community Facebook group for updates and discussions.

Carter then provided an overview of the Annual Compliance Report (ACR), a detailed report which demonstrates that BWXT has successfully met the requirements of the Nuclear Safety & Control Act.

The ACR, which is posted to nec.bwxt.com, outlines performance in the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's (CNSC) 14 Safety & Control Areas and outlines performance in the Public Information & Disclosure Program. Carter noted that the document is submitted to CNSC annually and reviewed by CNSC Staff. She shared that BWXT, and other licensees participate in an annual meeting with the CNSC. Carter shared that the estimated annual public dose from 2024 was 0 millisievert (mSv), with zero action level exceedances reported and all emissions to air, water, and soil remaining well below regulatory limits.

Augustin introduced guest speakers from Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), who then provided an overview presentation that included an introduction to NWMO, current status of used fuel, details of the deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel in Canada, transportation planning and safety, and NWMO's new mandate. A question-and-answer period followed the presentation.

Next the group focused on the discussion topic of community surveying. Augustin began by sharing an overview of the previous survey campaigns, including the history and methodology. She noted that the first survey was conducted in 2018 by Ipsos, an independent research firm. This initial data provided baseline community feedback shortly after the acquisition of the company in December 2016. BWXT committed to surveying every two years and has done so since. Augustin noted that the previous surveying was delivered online and by telephone (landline) and shared that postcards were mailed to neighbours and shared via email updates and on the company website. In 2024, BWXT used targeted social media advertising to spread the word further. Augustin shared that the number of responses increased year over year since 2018 and shared that the company made the decision in 2024 to remove the phone (landline) option since there was a decline in usage based on feedback from Ipsos and from prior survey results. Augustin noted that the objectives of the surveying from 2018-2024 were to:

- Gain awareness, knowledge and familiarity of BWXT operations in the local community.
- Gauge impressions of BWXT as an organization, including attention to safety, community engagement, job creation, and more.
- Identify recall and awareness of BWXT communications in the community, if these have been made available to residents.

Augustin shared the results of the 2024 survey. She shared that the sample sizes continue to be smaller, but that 2024 increased. She shared that surveying has been helpful for basic information but not helpful in identifying improvements or gaps. It is also difficult to compare data in 2024 to prior years based on the change in methodology. Augustin asked for feedback on surveying methods. CLC Member Stone proposed focus sessions as a more effective means of gathering feedback and offered assistance in coordinating these sessions. CLC Member Gibson suggested collaborating with individuals from Trent University to explore additional engagement opportunities. CLC Member Whitmore offered to connect with Trent's research centre for support. CLC Member McKeiver noted that public unfamiliarity with BWXT might not be a bad sign as it could simply indicate a lack of concern regarding our operations, while CLC Member Shantz advocated for enhanced communication about BWXT's contributions, especially regarding medical isotopes.

Augustin announced plans to display information banners along the fence to communicate our impact. CLC Member Besseling recommended banners be updated frequently to maintain interest. CLC Member Conlin highlighted the importance of school engagement, suggesting that efforts be extended to high schools as well.

Augustin then asked CLC members to share feedback and suggestions for discussion topics and community engagement. CLC Member Gibson proposed inviting from the Peterborough candidate from the Green Party to a meeting and tour to try and address any negative perceptions regarding nuclear energy.

The meeting concluded with a review of upcoming meeting dates.