

Peterborough Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Record

Meeting Date: June 23, 2026

BWXT NEC: Brenda Palma, Acting Specialist, Licensing Community Relations and Communications
Andy Collyer, Vice President, Fuel and Fuel Handling
Rebecca Parker, Manager, EHS
Jason MacPhee, Director, Manufacturing Operations, Fuel and Fuel Handling
Bill Walker, Vice President, Government Relations (virtual)

CLC Members: Matt Faris (representative from Lakelands Public Health), Monica Moran, Nikhil Chaudary, Jeff Gibson, Rebecca Schillemat, Brenda Whitehead (representative from Peterborough & Kawarthas Chamber of Commerce), Lora Vassiliadis, Christopher Adlam (representative from Canadians for Nuclear Energy), Jules Besseling, Bruce Roxburgh.

Absent: Kevin Whitmore (representative from Trent University), Lorne Shantz, Fereydoon Diba (representative from Fleming College), Liz Stone, Brad Conlin (no longer working at Prince of Wales Public School).

Guests: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC):

- Sarah Dolan, Communications Advisor (virtual)

Action Items	Status
Invite potential guest speakers (non-industry representative)	Ongoing
Discuss opportunities for CLC members to be more involved with public outreach (i.e., attending and participating at BWXT events, sharing information on social media, etc.)	Open
BWXT to provide more information/metrics on the goals being set related to Indigenous relations (specifically on recruitment)	Open
BWXT to share more about projects the company is working on (not just fuel bundle related work)	Open
BWXT to share any relevant post-secondary engagement (tours, presentations)	Ongoing
BWXT to send CLC members information about the upcoming mid-term review meeting with CNSC	Closed
BWXT to consider hosting its next community information event at Lansdowne Place again and to review joining Seniors Showcase again	Closed

BWXT to include medical isotopes/fuel handling overview during next CLC meeting	Open
BWXT to share Toronto pellet manufacturing virtual tour link with CLC	Closed
BWXT to share past infographics with CLC at a meeting for review and feedback	Open
BWXT to invite CLC members to witness soil sampling again in 2026	Open

New Action Items from June 23, 2026	Status
BWXT to engage with Kawartha Manufacturers Association	Open
BWXT to share 2025 Annual Compliance Reports link with CLC	Closed
BWXT to share 2026 Focus Groups report link with CLC	Closed
BWXT to engage with Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC)	Open
BWXT to share CNSC's Mid-Term Review Meeting webcast link with CLC	Closed
BWXT to consider hosting a tour and presentation for Peterborough & Kawarthas Chamber of Commerce members	Open

Discussion Notes:

Palma welcomed all attendees and began the meeting with a land acknowledgment, a safety moment, and a round of introductions. She then reviewed open and ongoing action items from previous meetings.

Collyer provided a brief summary on site operations and upcoming growth at BWXT. He shared that BWXT is entering a period of significant expansion to support new non-fuel reactor equipment manufacturing, with approximately 100 new roles expected over the next 18 months. CLC members discussed the potential impacts on training, onboarding, and community infrastructure, and Collyer confirmed BWXT is carefully planning to maintain strong safety culture and operational stability.

Parker provided an overview of the 2025 Annual Compliance Report, highlighting continued strong performance in safety and environmental protection across the Peterborough site. She noted that environmental monitoring results remained well within regulatory limits and reiterated BWXT's commitment to transparency by publishing reports publicly.

Next, Palma provided an update on the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Mid-Term Review. She explained that the mid-term review is part of BWXT's two Class IB licences, which operate on a 10-year cycle and serves as a formal checkpoint for CNSC staff to assess BWXT's performance halfway through the licensing period. Palma noted that CNSC staff highlighted BWXT's strong environmental protection measures, consistent regulatory compliance, and continued safe operation of both the Peterborough and Toronto facilities. She also shared that CNSC emphasized the importance of ongoing transparency around community engagement and emergency preparedness. Palma reminded CLC members that the mid-term review also informs future public communication expectations, and that BWXT will continue posting monitoring results, coordinating with CNSC on outreach, and ensuring clarity around topics that commonly generate public concern – such as proximity to a nearby public school and decommissioning plans.

Palma then provided an update on recent community engagement activities. She shared that BWXT hosted Hiawatha First Nation for a site tour on April 9 and met virtually with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation on April 14 as part of ongoing relationship-building with Indigenous communities. Palma noted that monthly virtual meetings continue with Curve Lake First Nation and that BWXT remains committed to strengthening dialogue, transparency, and opportunities for participation in environmental and operational discussions. She also highlighted several community-focused engagements, including hosting the Bank of Canada for a site tour on May 15, volunteering with six to seven BWXT staff at the Prince of Wales Public School Fun Fair BBQ on June 4, and raising more than \$3,000 towards Peterborough Regional Health Centre Foundation to support cancer care at the Peterborough Dragon Boat Festival on June 13. Palma emphasized that these activities reinforce BWXT's presence and accessibility in the community and play a role in addressing the persistent knowledge gaps identified in recent focus group research. She shared that planning is underway for the next Community Connect Information Event, which will take place at Lansdowne Place in September (date to be confirmed), and encouraged CLC members to share suggestions to support outreach to priority groups, including healthcare, business, environmental, and Indigenous organizations.

Palma shared results from the Abacus Data focus groups conducted earlier this year. She noted that while participants generally recognized BWXT's safety record, there remain significant knowledge gaps and emotional concerns related to nuclear operations, proximity to a public school, and confusion about activities at the nearby GE site. She emphasized that these findings align with

previous community feedback and will guide refinements to BWXT's communications strategy and improvement efforts.

CLC members discussed several suggestions related to outreach. Palma confirmed that BWXT will continue using standardized content about nuclear medicine and fuel-handling projects, as these topics help address common misconceptions. She also shared that BWXT will increase targeted engagement efforts with healthcare professionals, business and Chamber networks, Indigenous communities, and environmental groups. Palma noted that BWXT plans to continue participating in high-visibility events such as community festivals and tours. Palma also informed that CLC member, Brad Conlin, moved on from Prince of Wales Public School and the school's seat on the CLC will remain open, with an invitation extended to the new vice principal in the fall.

Parker briefed members on current and upcoming soil sampling activities. She shared that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has its Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) taking place that same week around BWXT premises and that BWXT will conduct its own annual soil sampling campaign in August. Parker confirmed that BWXT soil sampling results are posted publicly and that observers, including Indigenous communities and CLC members, are invited to attend.

Collyer also shared that BWXT will be conducting a full-scale emergency drill at the Peterborough site in October, with a similar drill planned for Toronto. He emphasized the importance of proactive communication – including website updates, mailers, social media notices, fence signage, and coordination with local fire and emergency services – to ensure the local community understands the nature of the drill and to avoid unintended concerns

Before concluding, Palma shared that CLC recruitment and term review will take place in the fall. She encouraged members to share recommendations for new participants.

The meeting concluded.