



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group Recruitment Underway
Community members invited to apply

Port Hope, Ontario (January 14, 2015) – The Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office (PHAI MO) is seeking three community volunteers to fill vacancies on its Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG). The six-member CLG provides a regular forum to exchange information and provide input about the project for the cleanup and long-term safe management of historic low-level radioactive waste in Southeast Clarington.

The CLG brings together local representatives of the community with an interest in deepening their knowledge and awareness of the Port Granby Project. “Members learn about project activities and have the opportunity to provide their views and suggestions directly to PHAI staff,” said Marty Kapitan, manager, legal agreement programs, PHAI MO. “The CLG is one of the ways the community can interact with project staff through constructive dialogue.”

The CLG meets a minimum of four times a year, and members serve rotating two-year terms. No special knowledge about the Port Granby Project is required to apply.

For those interested in having a closer look at a CLG meeting, a public meeting is scheduled for Jan. 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Port Hope Town Park Recreation Centre, 62 McCaul Street, Port Hope. This special meeting will bring together members from both the Port Granby Project and Port Hope Project CLGs to reflect on their terms and discuss ideas for future CLG activities.

CLG membership is open to residents of Clarington over the age of 18. Interested persons may apply as individuals or as representatives of a community organization or professional association. The deadline for applications is Feb. 6. To learn more about the CLG or to apply online, visit the CLG page at www.phai.ca. Information and printed application forms are also available by phoning the PHAI MO at 905.885.0291 or by visiting the Project Information Exchange at 115 Toronto Road in Port Hope.

ABOUT THE PHAI

The Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) is a federal environmental clean-up program. Its mandate is the remediation and local, long-term, safe management of historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope and the Port Granby area of Southeast Clarington. The Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office (PHAI MO), a federal partnership between Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and Public Works and Government Services Canada, was created to carry out these projects.

ABOUT THE PORT GRANBY PROJECT

The Port Granby Project involves the relocation of approximately 450,000 cubic metres of historic low-level radioactive waste, located at an existing site on the shoreline of Lake Ontario in Southeast Clarington, to a new, engineered aboveground mound. The historic waste resulted from radium and uranium refining operations of the former Crown Corporation, Eldorado Nuclear, which, with its private sector predecessors, operated from the 1930s to 1988.

ABOUT THE PORT GRANBY PROJECT CITIZEN LIAISON GROUP

Established in 2013, the Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG) provides an important conduit for the exchange of information between the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) Management Office and the community. The CLG is not a decision-making body, but its members provide valuable perspectives and feedback about the project. Its six members serve two-year terms as members at large or as representatives of local groups or associations and are drawn from sectors that include the environment, conservation, business, industry, education, health, recreation and general community life.

For more information, please contact:

Judy Herod
Manager, PHAI Communications
Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office
905.885.0291
Judy.Herod@cnl.ca