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PHAI announces 2017 Port Hope Project Citizen Liaison Group

Port Hope, ON (April 28, 2017) – The Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) has named its 2017 Port Hope Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG), after a public recruitment campaign.

Newly appointed members Timothy Tottenham, Joelle Pegg, Jan Marani and John Saundercook were selected from a pool of 10 applicants to join eight returning members of the Port Hope CLG. The volunteer group provides the PHAI with community perspectives on the cleanup and safe long-term management of historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope.

“We are pleased to see ongoing interest in the CLG and look forward to working with this diverse group of skilled individuals as they provide input and ideas to benefit the community and the PHAI.” said Marty Kapitan, PHAI manager, Legal Agreement Programs. “With construction underway at the Port Hope Long-Term Waste Management Facility, the CLG continues to be a valuable resource for sharing information and receiving feedback from the public.”

The 2017 term was launched on March 20 with an orientation session for new members of both the Port Hope and Port Granby CLGs that included presentations and discussions about the projects and the role of the CLG. On April 3, new members participated in a guided site tour of the major remediation sites in Port Hope and the Port Granby area of Southeast Clarington.

The CLG meets a minimum of four times a year and brings together a broad cross-section of people with interests in business, education, health, science and general community life. Members also have the opportunity to participate in other activities – such as PHAI environmental monitoring field demonstrations – to enhance their technical understanding of the projects, and in PHAI events, such as the groundbreaking ceremony held last summer to mark the start of construction of the Port Hope Project Long-Term Waste Management Facility.

A CLG recruitment campaign is held every year, and all applications are evaluated and member selections made by a third-party independent consultant. To learn more about the CLG, visit www.phai.ca, email info@phai.ca, phone the PHAI at 905.885.0291 or drop in to the Project Information Exchange at 115 Toronto Road in Port Hope.

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ABOUT THE PORT HOPE PROJECT

The Port Hope Project involves the construction of an engineered aboveground mound and supporting infrastructure for the safe, long-term management of approximately 1.2 million cubic metres of historic low-level radioactive waste, cleanup of the waste from various sites in Port Hope and its transportation to the waste management facility, located south of Highway 401 and west of Baulch Road. Ongoing maintenance and monitoring will continue for hundreds of years after the facility is capped and closed. The historic waste resulted from radium and uranium refining and processing operations of the former Crown corporation, Eldorado Nuclear, and its private sector predecessors, which operated from the 1930s to 1988.

ABOUT THE PORT HOPE PROJECT CITIZEN LIAISON GROUP

Established in 2013, the Port Hope Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG) provides an important conduit for the exchange of information between the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) and the community. The CLG is not a decision-making body, but its members provide valuable perspectives and feedback about the project. Members serve two-year terms, with an opportunity for renewal, 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.

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