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PHAI MO forms new citizen liaison group Community members invited to apply

Clarington, Ontario (January 3, 2013) — WANTED: Clarington-area residents who would like to contribute their skills and perspectives to a new Citizen Liaison Group (CLG) being formed by the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) Management Office.

The CLG will bring together a broad cross-section of the community by providing a regular forum to exchange information and provide input about the Port Granby Project for the cleanup and long-term safe management of historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Granby in Southeast Clarington.

Membership will be composed of up to six representatives from various organizations or professional associations that focus on areas such as the environment, business, agriculture, education, health or community life. Citizens at large are also invited to apply. Through their participation, members will suggest ways to enhance community relations, promote an understanding of the project and participate in verifying that environmental monitoring requirements have been met. No special knowledge about the Port Granby Project is required to apply.

“The CLG will complement existing opportunities for information sharing and public involvement, such as the Port Granby Discussion Group, and give area residents another way to contribute their knowledge and perspectives to the project,” said Judy Herod, Manager of Stakeholder Relations and Communications for the PHAI Management Office.

The CLG is being established now, she said, as work increases to prepare for the excavation and movement of the waste to the new long-term waste management facility – scheduled to begin in late 2014.

Clarington residents who wish to apply should submit their application by Feb. 8, 2013. Visit the CLG page at www.phai.ca to learn more or download an application. Information and applications can also be obtained by phoning the PHAI Management Office at 905.885.0291.

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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 Port Granby. The Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office (PHAI MO), a federal partnership

between Natural Resources Canada, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited 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, 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.

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