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PHAI announces 2015 Port Hope Project Citizen Liaison Group

Port Hope, Ontario (March 26, 2015) – The Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office (PHAI MO) has named the 2015 Port Hope Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG).

Five new members have been selected, after a public recruitment campaign, to serve a two-year term on the volunteer group that provides the PHAI MO with community perspectives about the cleanup and safe long-term management of historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope. Newly selected members are: Britt Earl, Terry Holmes, William Lambert, Kelly Morgan-Batten and Robert Trew. These members join six others who are now entering the second year of their term: Gwyneth Barlow, Janette Laffin, Paul Laing, Brian Maxwell, Bree Nixon and Ben Normand. Member selection is carried out by an independent, third-party facilitator.

“We’re pleased to have such a diverse group of skilled individuals with a strong interest in the Port Hope Project,” said Marty Kapitan, manager, legal agreement programs, PHAI MO. “Through their input and ideas, they provide valuable benefits to the community and to the PHAI MO as the project moves forward. We look forward to their contribution to this year’s group.”

CLG members represent a broad cross-section of community interests that includes the environment, business, education, health and community life. Port Hope residents can apply to sit as official representatives of a local community group or association or as citizens at large.

The CLG meets a minimum of four times a year and is launching the 2015 term with a day-long orientation session. The orientation includes presentations about the Port Hope and Port Granby projects and tours of the major remediation sites. Throughout their term, members have the opportunity to participate in activities that help enhance their technical understanding of the projects such as environmental monitoring field demonstrations. Last fall, members joined PHAI staff at the project’s information booth at the Port Hope Fall Fair.

To learn more about the CLG, visit the CLG page at www.phai.ca, phone the PHAI Management Office at 905.885.0291 or drop in to the Project Information Exchange at 115 Toronto Road in Port Hope.

ABOUT THE PORT HOPE PROJECT

The Port Hope Project involves the cleanup of approximately 1.2 million cubic metres of historic low-level radioactive waste from various sites in Port Hope, the construction of an engineered aboveground mound where the waste will be safely contained, and the long-term maintenance and monitoring of the facility.

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) 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 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.

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