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Port Hope Area Initiative begins radon monitor pickups

Port Hope, Ont. (January 26, 2015) — The pickup of radon monitors that were placed last summer in close to 1,200 Port Hope homes and buildings begins Feb. 2.

Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) staff will be collecting the monitors over a three-week period as part of the PHAI Property Radiological Survey that will test all 4,800 private and public properties in Ward 1 and a few properties in Ward 2 for the presence of historic low-level radioactive waste.

Property owners were sent a notification card in the mail letting them know when the PHAI survey team will be in their neighbourhood.

“In an effort to make the pickups as convenient as possible for people, we’re sending our survey team to retrieve the monitors on a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood basis, so individual appointments are not necessary,” said John Benson, Manager Port Hope Site Characterization. “If that timing doesn’t work for a property owner, an appointment can be scheduled by phone.”

As a security measure, each property has been assigned a Site Identification Number which staff will reference when they pick up the monitors. The survey team will also wear CNL (formerly AECL) photo identification badges.

The Property Radiological Survey is divided into five campaigns. Radiological testing for properties in Campaign 1 – about 430 – has been completed. Campaign 2 radon gas monitoring is complete, and further investigations – exterior and interior gamma radiation monitoring and borehole drilling/soil sampling – are anticipated for summer/fall 2015 at about 800 properties. Schedules for Campaign 3 field work and Campaigns 4 and 5 testing are currently being developed.

“Port Hope property owners are seeing the benefits of taking part in the survey,” said Benson. “Approximately 400 property owners from Campaign 1 have now received Compliance Letters confirming that their property meets PHAI Clean-up Criteria and does not require remediation. This provides peace of mind for the owners and for the community.”

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BACKGROUND

About the Property Radiological Survey:

The Property Radiological Survey is being conducted to identify which properties have historic low-level radioactive waste and require remediation. Tests include radon monitoring, interior and exterior gamma radiation scans and borehole drilling/soil sampling. The tests are being conducted at no cost to residents. If historic low-level radioactive waste is found on a property, the PHAI will cover the cost of the cleanup and remediation.

Once a Compliance Letter is issued, owners will no longer require radiological investigations through the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Office's Construction Monitoring Program when applying for a building permit or require a Radiological Status Letter when selling or financing their property.

For the 10 per cent of properties expected to require some degree of cleanup, remediation activities will begin when the long-term waste management facility is ready to receive waste.

About radon:

Radon gas is found naturally in every house in Canada. It comes from naturally occurring radium that is present in almost all soil. Radon is usually not a concern but may build up in houses — especially in basements — for a variety of reasons such as cracks in the foundation, improperly trapped floor drains, uncovered sumps or dirt floors. For this reason Health Canada has extensively studied radon levels in homes over the past few years. Approximately four per cent of Ontario houses have naturally occurring radon levels above Health Canada guidelines.

Six-month radon monitoring is the first step in the PHAI Property Radiological Survey because elevated radon levels in a house or building may indicate the presence of historic low-level radioactive waste in the ground, around or under the building.

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Public Attitude Survey shows increased local awareness of the PHAI

Port Hope, ON (March 11, 2015) – Key findings from the 2014 Port Granby Project Public Attitude Survey reveal increased local awareness of the Port Granby Project, with 87 per cent of respondents reporting they have heard about the project. Additionally, the findings show a high level of awareness of the existing waste management facility (85 per cent) and of the future facility for the long-term, safe management of historic low-level radioactive waste in Southeast Clarington (75 per cent).

The independent survey was conducted this past November by CCI Research Inc. on behalf of the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI). Over 200 property owners shared their opinions and attitudes about the project, representing a 56 per cent increase in responses over the 2011 survey. The survey questionnaire was mailed to approximately 800 property owners within a 10 km radius of the Port Granby Project area.

Marty Kapitan, PHAI manager Legal Agreement Programs, said public attitude research becomes increasingly important as the Port Granby Project moves forward and construction activities advance. “The information residents provide helps us identify areas of concern, assess the effectiveness of our communication efforts and improve dialogue with the public,” Kapitan said. “Community input is valuable to the project, and we thank everyone who took the time to fill out the survey.”

Other survey findings include:

- 65 per cent of respondents reported being “somewhat” or “very satisfied” with the PHAI’s efforts to provide project information, consistent with 2011 results
- Confidence in the PHAI’s ability to safely manage the waste has increased progressively since 2007 to 58 per cent
- Three out of four respondents identified mailed newsletters and brochures as their preferred method for receiving project information
- 79 per cent of respondents rated the Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group as “somewhat” to “very” important
- Resident satisfaction with living in the community remains strong with 95 per cent indicating they are “very” or “somewhat” satisfied
- Asked what they feel the benefits of the Port Granby Project are, respondents identified “getting rid of the waste” and “having it cleaned up and contained.”

The confidence interval for the overall Port Granby survey sample of 215 returned surveys is approximately +/-5.7%, 19 times out of 20. An executive summary of the survey is posted at www.phai.ca. Copies of the survey report are available at the PHAI Project Information Exchange at 115 Toronto Road, Port Hope or upon request.

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Construction of the new waste water treatment plant for the Port Granby Project was completed in early 2015. The publicly posted tender for the contract to build the Port Granby Project long-term waste management facility and remediate the waste closed March 10, 2015 with an award anticipated this summer.

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PHAI announces 2015 Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group

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

Three 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 the Port Granby area of Southeast Clarington. Newly selected members are: Maria Kordas-Fraser, Jack Hampsey and Heather Rambukkana. They join three other members who are entering the second year of their term: Marc Landry, Suzanne Land and Bonnie Wrightman. 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 Granby 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 working with them.”

CLG members represent a broad cross-section of community interests that includes the environment, business, education, health and community life. Members can apply to sit as official representatives of a 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.

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.

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Citizen Liaison Group recruitment well underway

Local citizens are encouraged to join the conversation

Port Hope, Ontario (December 1, 2015) – The Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) Management Office is accepting applications for the 2016 Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG). The deadline for applications is December 18.

The CLG offers a forum for volunteer members and PHAI Management Office staff to exchange information and ideas about the cleanup and long-term safe management of the historic low-level radioactive waste in the Port Granby area of Southeast Clarington. No special knowledge about the project is required to apply.

Members attend a minimum of four meetings per year, hosted by the PHAI Management Office. The CLG provides an opportunity for area residents who are interested in the project to deepen their awareness and share that knowledge with the community.

“CLG members are able to voice their perspectives as they learn about the many aspects of the clean-up project,” said Marty Kapitan, Manager of Legal Agreement Programs. “Joining the CLG gives community members a unique opportunity to share their views and suggestions directly with PHAI staff. We encourage them to spread their enhanced understanding with people they know throughout the community.”

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News Release

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Contracts Awarded for Port Hope Area Initiative

July 30, 2015

Ottawa

Natural Resources Canada

The Honourable Greg Rickford, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario, today announced the award of three contracts under the Port Hope Area Initiative, the federal government's commitment for the safe, long-term management of historic low-level radioactive waste in the municipalities of Port Hope and Clarington.

An \$86,847,474 contract was awarded to AMEC - CB&I Joint Venture to build the Port Granby Long-Term Waste Management Facility in the Municipality of Clarington. The Port Granby Project will relocate the historic low-level radioactive waste and marginally contaminated soils from an existing waste management facility on the shoreline of Lake Ontario to the new, state-of-the-art facility about a kilometre north of the current site. The contract includes facility construction, waste excavation, construction of a roadway to permit transportation of the excavated material without using municipal roads and restoration of the existing and new facility sites.

As well, two contracts for radiological surveys of properties and road allowances were awarded under the Port Hope Project: one, for \$7,245,765, was awarded to ARCADIS Canada Inc. to complete the radiological survey of approximately 800 mainly residential properties to determine which will require remediation. A second contract for \$1,576,720 was awarded to Amec Foster Wheeler to carry out investigations on road allowances to assist in determining the presence of low-level radioactive waste.

Quick Facts

- In January 2012, the Minister of Natural Resources announced a Government of Canada investment of \$1.28 billion over 10 years for the implementation phase of the PHAI.
- The Port Hope Area Initiative will clean up historic low-level radioactive waste and marginally contaminated soil and safely transport it to two new, engineered above-ground facilities to be built in Port Hope and Clarington.
- The historic waste resulted from radium and uranium processing in Port Hope between 1933 and 1988 by the former Crown corporation Eldorado Nuclear Limited and its private sector predecessors.

Quotes

"Our government is supporting projects that will enhance environmental protection while creating jobs and economic growth in the Port Hope area. This important milestone advances our long-term commitment to clean up historic low-level radioactive waste in the community with safety, security and environmental protection as our top priorities."

Greg Rickford

Canada's Minister of Natural Resources and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario

Port Granby

“I, along with other residents of Clarington, welcome this new contract as an important step by the Government of Canada to restore contaminated lands and return them to a naturalized landscape.”

*Erin O’Toole
Member of Parliament for Durham*

“The awarding of this construction contract is a very positive move for the Municipality of Clarington. It brings with it new jobs and other economic benefits. It also is a crucial step toward environmental remediation of our beautiful landscape.”

*Adrian Foster
Mayor, Municipality of Clarington*

Port Hope

“I have a great deal of interest in the progress of the Port Hope Area Initiative, and I am pleased to see the awarding of these two contracts toward the cleanup and safe long-term management of historic low-level radioactive waste. This announcement today represents significant movement on delivering the benefits of this project to the people of Port Hope.”

*Rick Norlock
Member of Parliament for Northumberland – Quinte West*

“These contracts are welcome news to the citizens of Port Hope and move this major environmental remediation project forward. They will bring jobs and economic opportunity to our region.”

*Bob Sanderson
Mayor, Municipality of Port Hope*

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Public Attitude Survey shows high level of awareness of PHAI and Property Radiological Survey

Port Hope, Ont. (April 1, 2015) – Key findings from the 2014 Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) Public Attitude Survey reveal that awareness of the PHAI and the Port Hope Project Property Radiological Survey is at an all-time high. The vast majority of residents – 96 per cent – say they have “heard of the Port Hope Area Initiative,” the project for the cleanup and long-term safe management of historic low-level radioactive waste, and 83 per cent – up from 38 per cent in 2011 – are aware of the radiological survey.

This heightened awareness of the property radiological survey comes at a time when more than half of the property owners in urban Port Hope are involved in some aspect of the testing of all 4,800 properties in Ward 1 and a few properties in Ward 2 for the presence of historic low-level radioactive waste.

Marty Kapitan, PHAI manager, legal agreement programs, said public attitude research becomes increasingly important as the testing of Port Hope properties continues to move forward and the planning of major construction activities advances. “The feedback residents provide helps us assess the effectiveness of our communication efforts, improve dialogue with the public and identify areas of concern,” Kapitan said. “Community input is valuable to the project, and we thank everyone who took the time to take part in the survey.”

The random telephone survey was conducted by CCI Research Inc., an independent Canadian research firm, on behalf of the PHAI Management Office. Responses were gathered over a one-month period in fall 2014 from 330 Ward 1 and 141 Ward 2 Port Hope residents. For the first time, residents were asked about their confidence in the PHAI to respond to public concerns. Three-quarters (74 per cent) reported being “very confident” or “confident” that PHAI staff will respond to any concerns they may have.

Other survey findings include:

- 93 per cent of residents reported knowing about the plans to clean up residences and other sites contaminated with historic low-level radioactive waste, while 90 per cent are aware of the plans to transport the waste to the long-term waste management facility
- Satisfaction with living in Port Hope remained strong with 94 per cent indicating they are “very” or “somewhat” satisfied
- Respondents rated PHAI staff (44 per cent) and independent qualified scientists (45 per cent) as their two most trusted sources for providing complete and accurate information about the PHAI
- Three-quarters (75 per cent) of residents are satisfied with the PHAI’s efforts to provide information about the project, while 68 per cent identified newsletters and brochures as their preferred method of receiving project information
- 82 per cent of respondents feel the Port Hope Project Citizen Liaison Group is important in helping with communication between the community and the project
- Asked for the first time what they feel the benefits of the Port Hope Project are, respondents most commonly identified “getting rid of the waste” and “improving the town’s image.”

The confidence interval for the overall Port Hope sample of 471 responses is +/-4.5%, 19 times out of 20. This is the 12th Port Hope Project Public Attitude Survey conducted by the PHAI MO. An executive summary of the 2014 report is available on the PHAI website at www.phai.ca. Copies of the complete survey report are available in print from the PHAI Project Information Exchange at 115 Toronto Road, Port Hope, 905.885.0291, or by email at info@phai.ca.

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“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.”

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Port Hope Area Initiative launches next fieldwork campaign

Port Hope, Ont. (August 31, 2015) — Survey teams will be in the field this fall to begin radiological investigations at more than 800 urban Port Hope properties as part of the Port Hope Project Property Radiological Survey.

ARCADIS will carry out the work on behalf of the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) Management Office and begin scheduling appointments with property owners in September. The investigations include interior and exterior gamma radiation scans and borehole drilling/soil sampling. The work is expected to take about a year-and-a-half to complete. Radon monitoring, the first test in the survey work, has already been completed on all of these properties.

“The launch of this fieldwork is an important step in moving the Port Hope Project forward,” said PHAI General Manager Craig Hebert. “Determining which properties have historic low-level radioactive waste and which do not prepares us to undertake the cleanup.”

The Property Radiological Survey will test all 4,800 private and public properties in Ward 1 and a few properties in Ward 2. To date, more than half of Port Hope property owners are involved in some aspect of the Property Radiological Survey. Testing is being done over five campaigns with Campaign 1 investigations complete on 430 properties and the current Campaign 2 fieldwork now underway on the next 800 properties.

Over 90 per cent of properties in Port Hope are expected to meet the PHAI Clean-up Criteria and not require a cleanup. These property owners will receive a Compliance Letter stating that no further investigations will be required. Properties where historic low-level radioactive waste is identified will be cleaned up once the long-term waste management facility is ready to receive waste after 2018, and these owners will receive a Compliance Letter when that work is done.

As a personal security measure, each property has been issued a Site Identification Number that will be used during all communications between the property owner and the survey teams. Survey teams will also carry identification.

“All of Port Hope will benefit from this community-initiated cleanup. As contracts are awarded and work progresses, significant environmental and economic benefits will be realized,” said Hebert.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Public Invited to Nov. 4 Info Session on Port Hope Project

Port Hope, Ont. (October 26, 2015) – The Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) will host a public information session on Wednesday, November 4 to update the community about the Port Hope Project for the cleanup and long-term safe management of historic low-level radioactive waste.

Members of the public are invited to drop in to Port Hope High School between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. to talk with staff about the radiological testing of Port Hope properties, including investigations now underway at the next 800 properties and along 175 road allowances. Engineering staff will be on hand to discuss the site preparations, which began this fall at the long-term waste management facility, to prepare for the start of construction of the engineered aboveground mound next year. The information session will also feature dust and noise monitoring demonstrations, information about PHAI business and contracting opportunities and a model of the long-term waste management facility and aboveground engineered mound.

Light refreshments will be available. The high school is located at 130 Highland Drive, Port Hope. Visit www.phai.ca for more details.

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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.

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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.

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Port Hope 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 six community volunteers to fill vacancies on its Port Hope Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG). The 12-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 Port Hope.

The CLG brings together local representatives of the community with an interest in deepening their knowledge and awareness of the Port Hope 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 Hope 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. This special meeting will bring together members from both the Port Hope Project and Port Granby Project CLGs to reflect on their terms and discuss ideas for future CLG activities.

CLG membership is open to residents of Port Hope 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.

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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.

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