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Contract awarded to construct and operate waste management facility

Port Hope, ON (March 17, 2017) – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has awarded the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) contract to complete construction of the remaining storage cells at the Port Hope Project Long-Term Waste Management Facility. The contractor will also operate the facility during the upcoming cleanup of historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope.

The successful bidder, ECC/Quantum Murray, LP of Toronto, has extensive experience in environmental remediation work in North America, including construction of the first cell of the highly engineered aboveground mound at the Port Hope facility that will safely store waste from the cleanup of various sites in the community.

“With the completion of Cell 1 scheduled this fall and the contract to operate the facility now in place, the site will be ready to receive waste, and remediation in Port Hope can begin early next year,” said Craig Hebert, General Manager Historic Waste Program Management Office (formerly the PHAI Management Office).

Work to be completed under the contract, which is the largest that the PHAI will undertake, includes the construction of the three remaining storage cells designed to safely isolate low-level radioactive waste by encasing the waste with multi-layer base liner and surface cover systems.

The contractor will also complete the supporting infrastructure required at the site, including internal waste haul roads, vehicle portal monitors to measure radiation levels, and weigh scales to track waste volumes. A decontamination station will be built to ensure that trucks are free of contamination before leaving the site.

Under previous contracts, work completed at the long-term waste management facility included construction of a dedicated access road built to municipal standards, and an advanced technology waste water treatment plant that is discharging treated effluent to Lake Ontario that meets or exceeds all discharge criteria.

While work is underway, the prime contractor and all sub-contractors will adhere to stringent health and safety plans, as required by CNL under its Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission licence for the Port Hope Project. Contractor requirements for the protection of the public, workers and the environment include dust management, occupational health and safety, radiation protection and traffic safety plans.

“This work represents a significant milestone,” said Hebert. “We are committed to ensuring it is completed safely and efficiently to the benefit of the project and this community.”

ABOUT THE PHAI

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Disclosure of Non-Radioactive Contaminants in Port Hope

Port Hope, Ont. (November 28, 2017) – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) is undertaking the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) for the cleanup and safe management of historic low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) in the municipalities of Port Hope and Clarington. CNL is committed to providing timely and effective information to residents of the two municipalities and all members of the public.

Contractors working on behalf of CNL to undertake the radiological survey of properties in Port Hope occasionally identify the presence of actual or potential contaminants that are not part of LLRW.

CNL informs Port Hope residents on the results of these surveys, both radiological and non-radiological, once the nature of the contaminants has been verified through independent laboratory analysis. “Property owners have access to the detailed reports and are encouraged to discuss the results and raise any questions and concerns they may have with CNL staff,” said Craig Hebert, General Manager CNL’s Historic Waste Program Management Office.

The PHAI is a very large and complex project with multi-test radiological surveys of approximately 4,800 properties in Port Hope and is being executed with care.

If any of the non-radioactive contaminants found are at higher concentrations than the standard, where one exists, CNL notifies the Municipality of Port Hope, the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, and/or the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, in addition to the homeowner.

For more information on non-radiological soil contamination, the following provincial organizations can be contacted:

- For questions on health and safety related to soil contamination in Port Hope, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit at 1.866.888.4577 or info@hkpr.on.ca.
- For questions on environmental aspects of soil contamination, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change at 1.800.565.4923.

For more details on radiological findings, please contact CNL at 905.885.0291 or info@phai.ca.



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Last chance for property owners to take part in radiological testing

Port Hope, Ont. (May 9, 2017) — The window of opportunity to have a Port Hope property tested for the presence of historic low-level radioactive waste – at no cost to the owner – remains open for a limited time only.

This summer, a contractor working on behalf of the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI), will begin the final campaign in the Property Radiological Survey by placing radon monitors in buildings at approximately 1,000 properties. However, the testing cannot take place at properties where the PHAI does not have a signed Access Consent form from the owner.

“We don’t want anyone in Port Hope to miss this significant opportunity. The project will be progressing to the clean-up stage over the next year, so it’s critical to property owners – and the community – that we identify now all the waste to be cleaned up,” said Craig Hebert, General Manager of the Historic Waste Program Management Office.

The radiological investigations are a first step toward receiving a Compliance Letter, which assures owners that their properties meet PHAI Clean-up Criteria and is particularly important if an owner plans to sell or bequeath a property at any time. The PHAI expects to issue Compliance Letters for about 90 per cent of properties once testing has been completed. Properties that do not initially meet PHAI Clean-up Criteria will be remediated – again at no cost to the owner – after which a Compliance Letter will be issued.

To date, most property owners contacted by the PHAI have consented to the testing. Approximately 4,000 properties are already involved in some aspect of the survey, which will test a total of 4,800 properties by its conclusion.

Signing up to participate in the testing is quick and easy. The PHAI has mailed a consent package to every property owner. The packages are also available by contacting the PHAI at 905.885.0291 or propertysurvey@phai.ca.

“The window of opportunity will start to close soon. Now is the time for property owners to return their signed consent forms if they haven’t already done so,” said Hebert.

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Master Services Agreement for Remediation of Port Hope finalized

Port Hope, ON (December 18 2017) – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has finalized a Master Services Agreement with six companies for the cleanup of historic low-level radioactive waste at various sites in the Municipality of Port Hope. Under this framework agreement, prequalified contractors are eligible to compete for the award of specific contracts to complete remediation and restoration work being undertaken as part of the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI).

The selected contractors – AMEC Foster Wheeler, ECC/Quantum Murray, Arcadis, North Wind Portage, Milestone Environmental, and Perma-Fix – will be invited to bid on specific remediation work packages, valued at an approximate combined total of \$375 million, for sites including those in the waterfront and Highland Drive areas and up to 800 residential properties. The selected companies all have extensive experience in environmental remediation work in North America that includes a commitment to a strong safety culture and the project management expertise to ensure seamless coordination among the various contractors.

“This complex project requires the services of qualified, skilled and experienced environmental remediation contractors to meet its diverse needs and deliver the work on time and on budget,” said Craig Hebert, General Manager of CNL’S Historic Waste Program Management Office, which oversees the PHAI. “Having already completed a rigorous assessment of each contractor’s related experience, technical expertise, quality management programs, and safety and compliance track records, we can now confidently award the contracts for work packages in a condensed timeframe.”

All contractors and sub-contractors working on the PHAI must adhere to stringent health and safety plans required by CNL under the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission licence for the Port Hope Project. Contractor requirements for the protection of the public, workers and the environment include dust monitoring and management, occupational health and safety, radiation protection and traffic safety.

Once excavated, the historic low-level radioactive waste will be safely transported along designated project transportation routes to the highly engineered aboveground mound at the project’s Long-Term Waste Management Facility located south of the 401 and west of Baulch Road in Port Hope.

“With the completion of Cell 1 of the mound this fall and the prime contractors now in place, the cleanup remains on track to begin in 2018,” added Hebert.

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PHAI announces 2017 Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group

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

Newly appointed member Heather Kenny joins five returning members of the Port Granby 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 Granby.

“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 remediation underway at the Port Granby site, 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 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 spring to mark the start of construction of the Port Granby 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.

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. 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 operations of the former Crown corporation, Eldorado Nuclear and its private sector predecessors, which 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) 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, 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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Public Attitude Survey shows local awareness of the PHAI continues to increase

Port Hope, ON (February 28, 2017) – The 2016 Port Granby Project Public Attitude Survey results show a continued increase in local awareness of the Port Granby Project, with 92 per cent of respondents reporting they have heard about the project, compared to 87 per cent in 2014. More than four out of five respondents (84 per cent) reported that they are aware that the new Port Granby long-term waste management facility is currently under construction.

Conducted in November 2016 by CCI Research Inc. on behalf of the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI), the independent survey questionnaire was mailed to approximately 800 property owners within a 10-kilometer radius of the Port Granby Project area. In response, 171 property owners shared their opinions and attitudes about the project.

Public attitude research is a key tool in gathering community input, said Marty Kapitan, Manager, Legal Agreement Programs. “The survey enables us to gather information on resident concerns, assess our community outreach approaches, and adjust our efforts accordingly,” Kapitan said. “We thank everyone who completed the survey; input from the community is invaluable as we continue with construction and remediation activities.”

Other survey findings include:

- Since 2007, familiarity with the Port Granby Project has increased from about half (51 per cent) to about three-quarters of respondents, with 73 per cent indicating they are “very familiar” or “somewhat familiar” with the project
- Confidence that the waste can be safely managed at the new long-term waste management facility increased from 58 per cent in the 2014 survey to 64 per cent in 2016
- With respect to PHAI communications, about four out of five respondents (81 per cent) reported being satisfied overall with the PHAI’s efforts to provide information about the Port Granby Project, while about two-thirds (65 per cent) expressed confidence that the PHAI would respond to any concerns they may have
- Brochures/newsletters through the mail were the top choice of respondents for receiving information about the Port Granby Project (65 per cent), and just over half of respondents (53 per cent) indicated that they “always” read the Port Granby Project Newsletter
- Four out of five respondents (80 per cent) felt that the Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group is important in helping with communication
- Overall satisfaction with living in the community has remained high over time, with 93 per cent of respondents indicating they are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied”
- When asked to identify the benefits of the Port Granby Project, more than half of the survey respondents (57 per cent) identified one or more benefits, with the most common responses being “the cleanup and containment of the radioactive waste” and “a cleaner environment”

The confidence interval for the overall Port Granby sample is +/-6.5%, 19 times out of 20. An executive summary of the survey is posted at www.phai.ca, and 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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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.”

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**Public Attitude Survey shows awareness of PHAI
and Property Radiological Survey remain high**

Port Hope, Ont. (February 28, 2017) – Results of the 2016 Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) Public Attitude Survey indicate that awareness of the PHAI and Port Hope Project Property Radiological Survey remains high. The large majority of residents – 92 per cent – say they have “heard of the Port Hope Area Initiative,” and 87 per cent say they are aware of the plans to transport contaminated soil to the new long-term waste management facility along designated routes. At 78 per cent, awareness of the Property Radiological Survey also remains high, with more than 4,000 properties involved in the survey to test 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, Manager, Legal Agreement Programs, said the survey feedback is a vital element of the PHAI’s public information program. “The input provided by residents gives us helpful insight into the strengths and areas for improvement in the PHAI’s community outreach approach and identifies any topics of concern,” Kapitan said. “Public input is invaluable to the project, and we thank everyone who took the time to take part in the survey.”

The random telephone survey was conducted on behalf of the PHAI by CCI Research Inc., an independent Canadian research firm. Responses were gathered over a one-month period in the fall of 2016 from 323 Urban Ward and 147 Rural Ward Port Hope residents.

When asked about their confidence in the PHAI to respond to public concerns, four out of five respondents (80 per cent) indicated they were “very confident” or “confident” that the PHAI will respond to any concerns they may have. Additionally, the proportion of Urban Ward respondents who expressed confidence that the PHAI will respond to their concerns increased compared to 2014 (81 per cent vs. 74 per cent), and Rural Ward confidence remains stable.

In 2014, when asked to specify concerns about the project’s impact on the natural environment, the most common response was related to the effects on “water/run-off/groundwater/leaching into water.” As a result of that feedback, community engagement opportunities were developed to allow the public to learn more about how the PHAI mitigates impacts on the environment. In the 2016 survey, the level of concern regarding water was lower at 24 per cent (vs. 32 per cent in 2014), indicating that the engagement was effective.

Other survey findings include:

- Satisfaction with living in Port Hope remained strong, with 96 per cent of respondents indicating they are “very” or “somewhat” satisfied
- Brochures/newsletters through the regular mail remains top choice of respondents for receiving information about the Port Hope Project (70 per cent)
- Overall, 84 per cent of respondents felt that the Port Hope Project Citizen Liaison Group is important in helping with communication between the community and the project, a result similar to the 2014 survey
- When asked to identify the benefits of the Port Hope Project, the most common responses were the “cleanup and containment of the radioactive waste” (44 per cent) and the “improvement of the town image” (21 per cent)

The confidence interval for the overall Port Hope sample is +/-4.5 per cent, 19 times out of 20 (at the 95 per cent confidence level, assuming a random and representative sample).

An executive summary of the 2016 survey 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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First movement of historic waste in Port Hope a reality

Port Hope, ON (December 7, 2017) – The Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) cleanup of historic low-level radioactive waste at the legacy Welcome Waste Management Facility in Port Hope began on Dec. 1 with the placement of the first truckloads of contaminated soil into the new engineered aboveground mound. With the first cell of the mound now receiving waste, the cleanup has begun and waste transfer from sites in the rest of the community remains on schedule to begin in 2018.

The legacy facility contains approximately 450,000 cubic metres of waste that was placed at the site in the 1940s and 1950s. It is within the boundaries of the PHAI's new long-term waste management facility, located south of Highway 401 between Baulch Road and Brand Road. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) is undertaking the PHAI on behalf of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, a federal Crown corporation.

"After more than a decade of planning and project development, the very first load of historic low-level radioactive waste has been placed in safe, long-term storage in Port Hope," said Craig Hebert, General Manager of CNL's Historic Waste Program Management Office. "Our team continues to fulfill Canada's commitment to the community to safely clean up the waste."

With the cell now receiving on-site waste, the cleanup of other sites within the community is on track to start next year. The first off-site waste scheduled to be transported to the new facility will be from the three temporary storage sites in Port Hope. The waste that has been temporarily stored under tarps at the Centre Pier, near the municipal sewage treatment plant and at the Pine Street North Extension in the Highland Drive Landfill area will be safely transported along designated project routes to the new facility. CNL has awarded this contract to Amec Foster Wheeler, an established environmental remediation specialist, with extensive global experience.

"The start of clean-up work represents another significant milestone for the project," said Hebert. "We remain committed to ensuring it is completed safely and efficiently to the benefit of the Port Hope community."

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Public Invited to October 19 Info Session on Port Hope Project

Port Hope, Ont. (October 10, 2017) – The Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) will host a public information session on Thursday, October 19 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 the Port Hope Lions Centre from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. to talk with staff about all aspects of the project, including the final campaign for radiological testing of Port Hope properties, the remediation of properties where waste is identified and the safe transportation of waste through the community. Engineering staff will be on hand to discuss the ongoing construction of the engineered aboveground storage mound, and environmental technicians will give dust and noise monitoring demonstrations. The information session will also feature information about CNL job opportunities and a model of the long-term waste management facility and aboveground engineered mound.

Light refreshments will be available. The Port Hope Lions Centre is located at 29 Thomas Street, Port Hope. Visit www.phai.ca for more details.

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