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**CNL announces Scott Parnell
as GM of Historic Waste Program Management Office**

Port Hope, ON (January 9, 2018) – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has appointed Scott Parnell as General Manager of CNL’s Historic Waste Program Management Office in Port Hope, Ontario. Parnell is responsible for overseeing work on all projects and programs delivered through the office, including the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI).

“With the PHAI cleanup of historic low-level radioactive waste in the waterfront area and at select residential properties beginning this spring, Scott’s extensive experience in large and small-scale radiological and environmental remediation projects positions the project for continued success,” said Kurt Kehler, CNL Vice President of Decommissioning and Waste Management.

Parnell is a civil engineer with more than 20 years of senior management experience in environmental restoration projects, including landfill design, wastewater management and remediation of contaminated sites across North America. He has led programs to identify and characterize waste sites and was the design lead for a landfill closure project in Alaska. Most recently, Parnell was responsible for overseeing the safe operations of the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility for low-level radioactive waste, hazardous and mixed wastes at the Hanford Site in Washington State.

“Scott’s experience in successfully managing major clean-up projects with outstanding safety records is an excellent fit with the expertise of the dedicated CNL team in Port Hope,” said Kehler.

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**CNL appoints Craig Hebert
to new role at Historic Waste Program Management Office**

Port Hope, ON (January 25, 2018) – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has appointed Craig Hebert as Director of Strategic Services for CNL’s Historic Waste Program Management Office in Port Hope, Ontario. Hebert transitions to this position after almost five years as the General Manager of the office.

In this capacity, Hebert is responsible for providing strategic oversight, advice and leadership related to engineering management as well as municipal, regulatory and governmental interface for all projects and programs delivered through the office, including the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI). He is a licensed Professional Engineer with more than 35 years experience in public and private sector management, environmental engineering and civil engineering.

“Craig’s extensive knowledge of the CNL projects in the Port Hope area, combined with his technical expertise and experience in managing relationships with the PHAI’s key stakeholders, ideally positions him to continue providing valued contributions and strategic advice to the Management Office as a member of CNL’s senior management team,” said Kurt Kehler, CNL Vice President of Decommissioning and Waste Management.

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CNL Awards Contracts for PHAI Cleanup Work in Waterfront Area

Port Hope, ON (May 01, 2018) – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has awarded two new contracts to clean up historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope, as part of the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI).

A work package in the waterfront area has been awarded to Arcadis and is scheduled to begin this spring. This package includes the excavation and removal of waste from the West Beach, Mill Street South and CN/CP viaduct areas, expected to be complete in 2020.

In addition, Milestone Environmental Services will undertake the cleanup of several residential properties and one commercial property as part of a separate work package. This is the first of many work packages to be offered to clean up residences.

Under CNL's oversight, both contractors will excavate the waste and transport it to the new storage facility, backfill the sites with clean soil and restore the landscape.

"With the cleanup of multiple sites happening at the same time, the safe movement of waste along the designated PHAI transportation routes requires a high degree of coordination," said Bryan Tyers, CNL's Director of Project Delivery for the PHAI. "We continue to work closely with the Municipality of Port Hope to minimize the impacts of the project on the community."

This work will occur concurrently with the remediation of three temporary waste storage sites, including one on the Centre Pier, previously awarded to Amec Foster Wheeler.

The larger cleanup of Port Hope Harbour and Centre Pier will be undertaken under a separate contract and is scheduled to begin in 2019.

"Safety of the public and our workers, and protection of the environment remains our top priority," said Tyers. "I invite anyone with a question or concern about the PHAI to contact our office or visit our website at PHAI.ca for up-to-date information about our current work."

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Moving toward a cleaner Port Hope, one property owner at a time

Port Hope, ON. (October 15, 2018) – “Just do it. It’s simple and easy, so just do it!”

That’s the advice two Port Hope residents and small business owners have for the 400 property owners who have yet to participate in the radiological survey of their properties being conducted as part of the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI). Avril Ewing was reluctant to give consent for the survey work at first. “I thought the testing was unnecessary. But once I understood more about it, I thought it’s to everyone’s benefit, so let’s just get it done!” Ewing said.

The PHAI and the Property Radiological Survey are being undertaken by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL). The survey results determine if a property has historic low-level radioactive waste. Once survey work is completed for all properties in a neighbourhood, CNL issues a Compliance Letter to owners of properties that do not have waste. Properties with waste will be cleaned up through the PHAI, after which the owners will be issued Compliance Letters.

Ewing points out that it’s important for owners like her, who feel sure that their property doesn’t have waste, to have the testing done so that they can receive a Compliance Letter. “I didn’t want not having a Compliance Letter to potentially affect my property value in the future. Even if I don’t sell, I want to leave my family with the all-clear if they inherit the property,” she said.

The survey began in 2012 with a mandate to test all properties in the urban area of Port Hope and a few in the rural area – 4,800 properties in all – for the presence of waste. Six years later, owners of more than 4,400 properties have given consent for testing on their property. As the tests must be completed before properties with waste can be scheduled for a PHAI cleanup, CNL continues efforts to gain consent from the owners of the remaining 400 properties. But with the cleanup of properties now underway and 18 to 24 months required to complete the testing through different seasons, time is running out.

When Ewing found out that one of the tests required access to all the rooms in her home, she called CNL for reassurance that survey technicians are subject to strict security screening and all are bonded. “I’m a private person, and my home is my safe space – I’m careful who I let in,” she said.

It was equally important to Ewing that the survey work not interfere with her home-based business. “I was able to book appointments around my schedule because I couldn’t sit there all day waiting. The technicians were polite, professional and patient. The work was quiet – I barely noticed that they were there. The tests didn’t disturb me or impede my work at all,” she said.

Port Hope resident George Kallonakis, the co-owner of popular local restaurant Olympus Burger, had a similar experience. “CNL contractors were fine with scheduling the work outside of the restaurant’s operating hours so neither my business nor my customers were inconvenienced by the testing,” he said.

As a member of the Centre of Excellence Working Group, Kallonakis said he’d like to see Port Hope voted the “cleanest and greenest community in Canada” one day. If all property owners agree to take part in the testing, the community will be one step closer to making this a reality, he believes.



“Once Port Hope is cleaned up, I feel we’ll see even more families – and more businesses – moving here,” he said.

Kallonakis and Ewing both believe that some people don’t understand that if they don’t have the testing done now, they won’t have the same opportunity to have all the work done at no cost to them once the PHAI is finished. “This is a federally funded project, so why not take advantage of it?” Kallonakis said.

Property owners can sign up today to participate in the survey today by completing a consent form on PHAI.ca, picking up a form at CNL’s Project Information Exchange at 115 Toronto Road, Port Hope, or by calling 905.885.0291 to request a form.

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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.

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PORT HOPE AREA INITIATIVE LAUNCHES PUBLIC ATTITUDE SURVEY

Port Hope, ON. (October 09, 2018) – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) is polling local residents once again to find out their attitudes about the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) cleanup and safe long-term management of historic low-level radioactive waste in the Port Granby area of Southeast Clarington.

Conducted by CCI Research Inc., an independent Canadian research firm, the survey is being mailed to approximately 700 residents who live within a 10-km radius of the Port Granby Project area. Residents will also have the option to complete the survey online or by telephone, which will take about 20 minutes. The survey will be conducted this month and concludes this November.

“With the Port Granby Long-Term Waste Management Facility now under construction, it is more important than ever that we hear from the community,” said Alex Mahabir, Manager of Communications for CNL. “The information we collect through the survey provides valuable insight into the views of the community and measures the effectiveness of how we communicate with residents about project activities and progress.”

Since the last public attitude survey in 2016, significant progress has been made on the removal of low-level radioactive waste from the Legacy Waste Management Site south of Lakeshore Road and placement of the waste at the newly constructed engineered aboveground mound at the project’s long-term waste management facility.

The survey seeks to determine how aware residents are about the project to clean up and manage the historic waste in Port Granby and how confident they are that the work can be done safely and with minimal impacts to the local community.

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PHAI cleanup in Port Hope community begins

Port Hope, ON (March 19, 2018) – The Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) cleanup of historic low-level radioactive waste in the Municipality of Port Hope is about to begin with the first truckloads of waste scheduled to be removed from the community and placed in long term storage.

Beginning in April, and continuing through the spring/summer, historic waste at three locations in the community will be transported to the engineered aboveground mound being constructed at the Long-Term Waste Management Facility, located south of Highway 401 between Baulch Road and Brand Road. The work involves the trucking of contaminated soil along designated transportation routes to minimize the impacts of truck traffic on the community.

The first wastes to be remediated are currently stored under tarps at three locations including the Centre Pier, the Pine Street North Extension in the Highland Drive Landfill area and at the municipal sewage treatment plant. The Centre Pier is the first site to be remediated.

“This is the beginning of the final chapter in addressing this long-standing environmental issue in Port Hope,” said Bryan Tyers, Director of Project Delivery for the PHAI.

Remediation at a number of residential properties will begin later in the spring.

Prior to the start of waste movement, fencing will be installed to restrict access to work areas for public safety and no road closures are anticipated. The removal of waste from the Centre Pier will enable the PHAI to use the pier as the staging area during the remediation of the Port Hope Harbour which will begin later this year.

Residents are encouraged to contact the PHAI if they have questions or concerns as well as visit PHAI.ca for up-to-date project information.

“As we move into this phase of the project, we remain committed to completing it safely and efficiently while minimizing impacts to the community,” added Tyers.

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Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Launches Public Attitude Survey

Port Hope, ON. (October 05, 2018) – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) is polling local residents once again to find out their attitudes about the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) cleanup and safe long-term management of historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope.

Conducted by CCI Research Inc., an independent Canadian research firm, the telephone survey – which begins this month and concludes in November – will poll randomly selected residents in urban and rural Port Hope.

“With the cleanup of sites within the community now underway, it is more important than ever that we hear from residents,” said Alex Mahabir, Manager of Communications for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories. “The information we collect through the survey provides valuable insight into the views of the community and measures the effectiveness of how we communicate with residents about project activities and progress.”

CNL has conducted 13 public attitude surveys since the project began in 2001. Since the last survey, a number of significant project activities have taken place, including construction of the long-term waste management facility, remediation of the temporary storage site on the Centre Pier, and the start of private property remediation.

The survey seeks to determine how aware residents are of the project to clean up and manage the historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope, and how confident they are that the work can be done safely.

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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 operations of the former Crown corporation Eldorado Nuclear and its private sector predecessors, which operated from the 1930s to 1988.

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